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Post-prom shooting kills Granite City man

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Police on Monday were still investigating the shooting death of a 20-year-old Granite City man early Sunday morning in Madison.

The St. Louis Metropolitan Major Case Squad was handling the investigation and trying to determine exactly who shot the victim - a 16-

Major Case Squad called in; investigation continuing

year-old or an off-duty Venice police officer.
Frederick L. Hacke, 20, of Riviera Drive, Granite City, was shot and killed when he and other members of a "gang" called the Lynch Mob allegedly tried to break into a house where teenagers were having a party following the Granite City High School prom, which took place

Saturday night.
Hacke was pronounced dead at St. Elizabeth Medical Center at 2:20 a.m.
Police said the dispute allegedly stemmed from an earlier incident at the party, in which Hacke was "disrespected" by someone.
Several people were taken into custody, but no charges have been filed as of Monday.

Lt. Stephen Nann of the Madison County Sheriff's Department and deputy commander of the Major Case Squad, said Hacke was apparently shot by a 16-year-old who panicked when Hacke and others tried to force their way into the house.
At about 1:20 a.m. Sunday, Madison police received a call about a large fight at a party

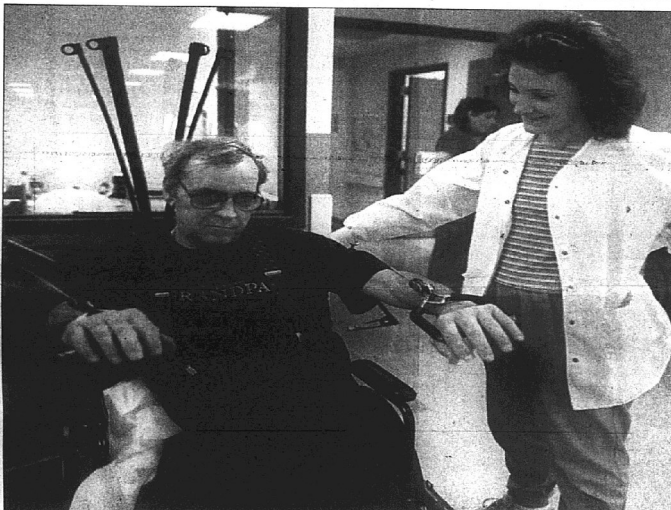
in the 1800 block of Rhodes Street.
The call came from a uniformed off-duty Venice police officer who was working security at the nearby Madison QuikTrip when several youths came in and told him about the fight.
The officer - who has not been identified - and another plainclothes security officer at

the store drove over to the house. While en route, the Venice officer told investigators that he heard several gunshots.

When he got out of the car, the Venice officer said he saw someone fire several shots in his direction. The officer identified himself, then returned fire after another shot was fired.

The suspect then ran back

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Scott Cousins photo

Charles Moore of Granite City prepares to do physical therapy with occupational therapist Beth Maglasang.

Crane operator goes home

GC Steel worker loses leg, not his fighting spirit in rehabilitation

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Charles Moore was trying very hard not to look at the clock.

After almost four months in the hospital, nine weeks of that in rehabilitation, he was going home the afternoon of April 20.

Moore, 56, of Granite City, was injured New Year's Eve when he was caught between two railroad cars while working as a crane operator at Granite City Steel.

Moore lost his left leg, but has come to accept that, and was just waiting for his family to pick him up.

He doesn't remember much about the accident and most of his memories of the months of

December and January are vague.

"I was very lucky," Moore said. "I had a lot of good doctors and nurses, and a lot of prayer."

When he was taken to the hospital, Moore said he was "virtually dead" from blood loss.

"The first six weeks, I was completely out of it," Moore said. "I really don't remember the accident itself."

"I don't know what caused it," Moore added. "I do remember being coupled up, I remember laying on the ground and I remember being in the ambulance - just like picture frames."

After spending six weeks unconscious at Saint Louis University Hospital, Moore was at SSM Rehab for the next nine weeks.

"It was hard to accept at first, but I had no choice," Moore said about losing his leg. "At first, when I came to therapy, I hated it because there was pain involved. I kept going, and finally, the pain is easing. I still have some, but it's eased up quite a bit."

In addition to the pain, Moore said he lost his strength. At the beginning of his rehabilitation, it took four people to get him out of bed.

"Now, I do that on my own," Moore said. While mostly confined to a wheelchair, Moore is able get around using a walker and hopes to improve on that. "I hope to later," Moore said.

"My wound has to heal completely. I'm walking with a walker now, I hope to go to

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Administrators, police meet on massacre

Trench coat ban, metal detectors being considered

By Mike Heil
Staff writer

Granite City school administrators and local law enforcement officials met Monday morning to discuss measures that could prevent a massacre, similar to the situation that

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occurred last week at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo.

The meeting, which took place at Granite City High School, was in the form of an executive session. Therefore, the public and press were not allowed to attend.

Afterward, Granite City Superintendent Steve Balen and law enforcement officials would not comment.

Balen did say last week that the district was considering a ban on trench coats and installing metal detectors.

"If trench coats are being

used as gang graffiti and uniforms, then I think we have to treat them like any other gang-related colors and consider a ban on them," Balen said at the time. "We have to consider metal detectors as well."

Recently, the district has taken a preventative step to curtail violence within its schools. In February, school administrators received a profile list from the federal government. It was a compilation of 20 characteristics which students prone to violence demonstrate.

Some characteristics include mood swings, angry outbursts, uncontrollable behavior and depression.

According to district policy, educators must report to the school administration students who demonstrate those tendencies. The administration has not used the list for disciplinary action.

To help students cope with

everyday pressures, the district has had a program in effect since the late 1980s. It is called consultation services and offers counseling to students at Granite City High School and Grigsby and Coolidge middle schools.

The program was implemented in conjunction with Behavioral Health Systems of St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Counseling is offered at the schools from therapists affiliated with health care systems.

"It has been successful. It is especially needed today to help our youth overcome difficulties they face but cannot cope with," said Richard Boswell, director of Behavioral Health Systems at SEMC.

Harriet Grazman, who counsels students at GCHS, is the School Consultation Services director. She said teen-agers of all ages are

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Spring musical opens tonight

Students performing Lerner-Lowe classic

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Granite City High School drama students will perform their annual spring musical, the Lerner and Lowe classic "My Fair Lady," for three nights, beginning tonight, at the GCHS Auditorium.

Performances will commence at 7 p.m. each night.

The cast includes Jake Kamphoefner as Henry Higgins, Amy Holland Pennell as Eliza Doolittle, Ryan Moenster as Colonel Pickering and Rich Skirball as Alfred P. Doolittle.

The musical is adapted



Tim Stephenson photo

From left, Ryan Moenster, Amy Pennell and Jake Kamphoefner perform a scene from the GCHS spring musical "My Fair Lady"

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ARREST/SUSPENDED DRIVER'S LICENSE: Carl F. Carnes, 21, of the 200 block of Hill Street in Madison, was taken into custody after a traffic stop at 11:42 p.m. April 11 at Illinois 203 and Third Street in Madison.

Carnes was stopped by the Madison County Sheriff's Department because a tailight was out on his vehicle, according to the police report.

He was taken into custody on a St. Clair County Sheriff's Department warrant for possession of cannabis. Carnes also was cited for the missing tailight and for driving while his license was suspended.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED: Daniel F. Frause, 49, of the 400 block of Willow in Granite City, was taken into custody after a traffic stop at 2:11 a.m. April 12 on West Chain of Rocks Road and St. Thomas Road by the Madison County Sheriff's Department.

Frause allegedly had a headlight out on his vehicle and an expired vehicle registration. Frause was taken into custody for driving on a suspended license.

POSSESSION OF CANNABIS: Timothy J. Huff and Jose Louis Rawe, both 19, and Chad T. Harmon, 18, all of Edwardsville, were cited for possession of less than 2.5 grams of cannabis after a traffic stop on Schwartz Road north of Alton Road in Edwardsville at 11:38 p.m. Thursday. A fourth passenger was not charged.

NARCOTICS/WEAPONS ARREST: Charles E. Stucker, 26, of Mulberry Grove was taken into custody after a traffic stop at Roosevelt and Terry Street in Madax at 8:39 p.m. April 23. Stucker allegedly was carrying a loaded handgun in his car and allegedly possessed a small amount of cannabis. He also was cited for having an expired registration sticker on his vehicle.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY: At approximately 11:21 p.m. April 17, Michael C. Trecekler, 21, of

Edwardsville arrived at a home in the 1300 block of North Second Street, Edwardsville, where his girlfriend was visiting, and allegedly kicked out the headlights and taillights, broke off a rearview mirror and kicked dents into the sides of his girlfriend's car.

Trecekler was charged with felony criminal damage to property and illegal transportation of alcohol.

POSSESSION OF CANNABIS: Kirk M. Gardner, 33, of Madison was arrested when sheriff's deputies answered a disturbance call at 3:57 a.m. April 18 at his residence in the 300 block of Terry Street, Madison.

Gardner called police when his girlfriend began breaking things in his home. Deputies allegedly found a marijuana plant growing in his bathroom under a two-bulb fluorescent lamp. They also found a glass jar containing about 36.5 grams of marijuana and a plastic bag containing 3.5 grams of marijuana.

Gardner was charged with possession of cannabis and unlawful production of a cannabis sativa plant.

POSSESSION OF CANNABIS: Matthew R. Glover, 19, of Granite City was arrested at 10:19 p.m. April 16 when sheriff's deputies arrived in the first block of Shriver Drive, Granite City, answering a report of a loud party.

A search of Glover's room allegedly turned up marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Glover was charged with possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE: Craig B. Miller of the 300 block of Hilltop Lane, Collinsville, reported a burglary of a gold herringbone necklace and gold rope chain April 16.

Metro East Business Expo returns after taking year off

New date hopes to attract more families to show

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

Who says you can't mix business and pleasure? Certainly not the Collinsville Chamber of Commerce.

After a year-long hiatus, the group's

Metro East Business Expo is coming back with a blend of information and activities for the whole family. The Expo will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 8 at Collinsville's Gateway Center.

Admission is \$2 for adults — \$1 for senior citizens — and free for children under 12.

The event, which previously had been held on a Thursday afternoon, skipped last year.

"We realize we're a bedroom community and most people are off at work during the week," said Pam Morris, executive director of the Chamber.

Morris said that by moving the event to a Saturday, it

became a family outing, so the group was making the most of it.

The Expo will include a

children's area sponsored by Collinsville Area Recreation District's Splash City Family Water Park.

"And in bringing the kids along, you can't enjoy the business portion of (the Expo) when you've got a little one pulling on you, so we've got lots for them to do," Morris said.

The Boehmer Family jugglers, storyteller and songster Dan Sproat, a yo-yo demonstration, face-painting, a balloon artist, a magician and hot dogs courtesy of Schnucks are just a few of the activities planned for the younger set.

Some other activities will be going on outside, including the "snackhouse" from the Collinsville Fire Department and the Illinois State Police's "fatal vision" goggles. The goggles will allow its wearers to experience the effect alcohol can have on vision as they attempt to pilot a golf cart through an established course.

Morris said the revamping of the Expo has gone smoothly.

"It's almost like it's a natural," she said.

When they aren't enjoying

the main stage entertainment, visitors can learn about Collinsville and several other area communities and their business opportunities.

Chambers in Caseyville, Troy, Fairview Heights, Edwardsville/Glen Carbon, Highland and the River Bend in Alton, Tri-Cities in Granite City and Belleville Economic Progress Inc. all will be represented at the Expo.

"We think it's a great way to bring it all together," Morris said.

Anderson Hospital is sponsoring a health area, and there will be a blood drive from noon to 5 p.m.

Other event sponsors include: Ameritech, Collinsville Building and Loan, the City of Collinsville, Collinsville Kwik Kopy, Mercantile Bank, TheBANK of Edwardsville, UMB Bank, the Suburban Journals, Hometown Phone Books, Miller and Maack Contractors, Schnucks and the Belleville News-Democrat.

For more information about the Expo, call the Chamber at 344-2884.



Helping hand

This statue, unveiled Sunday at Shriner's Hospital for Children, 2001 S. Lindbergh Blvd. in Frontenac, is a highlight of ceremonies marking the hospital's 75th anniversary of serving the St. Louis area. The bronze statue was cast from a 1970 photograph of a Shriner in Evansville, Ind., who helped a little girl with cerebral palsy walk across a rocky path. The statue will remain on the hospital property; its image is being used as a hospital logo.

Local preschoolers take tour of Granite fire headquarters

Department offers visits for area civic, school groups

By Mike Heil
Staff writer

They sat at a table inside the fire station, eating hot dogs and potato chips. The munching 4- and 5-year-olds had just taken a tour of the Granite City Fire Department.

METRO EAST Carney, 5, said she enjoyed everything, including the food.

"I like holding the hose. The hot dogs are good," she said. Morgan was one of about 15 children from St. Peter's Evangelical Church of Christ preschool who participated in the tour Monday morning. The children were at the fire house

not only to look at the sites but to learn about fire safety.

Nip Hagauer, a firefighter who's been with the department for about 20 years, said they were shown rescue equipment and protective gear, along with a fully operational hose attached to a fire truck.

"We like to show the kids around. This is a fun way for them to learn about fire safety," said Hagauer, who gave the children junior firefighter T-shirts before they left.

Carolyn Anders, director/teacher of St. Peter's School for the Young Years, said the children have been learning about fire safety and have been excitedly awaiting their

visit.

"They wanted to come ever so badly. I think they really enjoyed themselves and learned a little today. This was something special for them," said Anders, who was accompanied by fellow teacher Gale Gathman.

Granite City Fire Chief Keith Talley said tours are given every other week and have been offered for years. They are available, he said, to any group or individuals during regular working hours.

For more information, call Talley's office at 877-6114.

Mascoutah man charged with felony theft

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Staff writer

Authorities have charged a Mascoutah man with felony theft after he was suspected of ordering \$18,000 in auto parts and failing to pay for them.

Peter Popovic, 53, of Mascoutah was charged with theft over \$300 by the Madison County Sheriff's Department. He is accused of ordering the parts from Americore, a

business based in Cleveland, then selling them under the name of Columbia Rebuilders in Pontoon Beach.

Detectives said he sold the parts to Southern Metals, a company in St. Louis.

Charges filed in circuit court in Edwardsville state Popovic ordered the auto parts between Aug. 11-21. Popovic was arrested April 21 at his home and taken to the

the Madison County Jail the next day.

Circuit Judge Charles Romani set bond at \$1 million. That later was reduced to \$5,000, plus \$995,000 recognizance.

Charges filed in circuit court said Popovic uses aliases of Michael Decker, Jim Walker, Joe Lorcoco and Ray Dunnigan.

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Fired consultant files lawsuit

By Dennis Grubaugh
Staff writer

The Old Town consultant who was fired in mid-1997 is suing the village of Glen Carbon for severing the deal.

A lawsuit was filed April 21 on behalf of Larry M. Joiner of Glen Carbon, who was removed as planner for the village's proposed Main Street overhaul in June 1998. Joiner was appointed project developer in July 1997 and

entered into a 15-year contract with the village in November 1997 that was subject to five-year reviews. Joiner's development firm, L.M. Joiner and Associates, was paid \$10,000 a month, plus expenses, for eight months before the Village Board rescinded his contract under pressure from residents who were unhappy about the money being paid. The lawsuit states Joiner is entitled to be paid for a complete five-year period.

Although the suit seeks "in excess of \$50,000," a standard for legal damages — Joiner's deal would have netted him a minimum \$600,000 over five years. Joiner also says he suffered damages by not entering into other business ventures during the time he was working for Glen Carbon because of time constraints.

Village Attorney Gary Peel declined to comment about the particulars of the lawsuit, but he said the matter could be handled by insurance.

"We'll have to tender that lawsuit to our insurance company to see if the insurance company will provide a lawyer to defend the village," Peel said. "If they don't, I will have to assume the defense for the village."

The contract called for Joiner to be the exclusive developer for the Main Street project.

In Brief

Women's crime seminar scheduled

Marantha Martial Arts Academy will offer a free women's crime prevention seminar at 7 p.m. Saturday. Those attending will learn methods for neutralizing a larger, stronger attacker. The seminar is limited to 30 people. The academy is located at 2800 Nameoki Road. For more information, call Tim Hillis at 452-2744.

Park District sets tulip giveaway

The Granite City Park District will hold its annual tulip bulb giveaway from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the 27th Street entrance, near Delmar. The flower beds at Delmar will only be given away. The tulips are red and yellow and remain in the ground to retain their foliage. Once removed,

they should be transplanted and watered so the foliage can die back naturally.

The Park District garden staff will be available to answer questions and to assist those interested in the tulips. Those interested should bring their own containers and bags or boxes to put them in.

The Park District will provide shovels and forks to be used for the dig.

Nutrition workshop taking place Monday

A free monthly workshop on nutrition is being offered at 5:30 p.m. the last Monday of each month by Dr. Richard C. Coy at Coy Chiropractic Health Center, 3407 S. State Street, Glen Carbon.

The April topic will be detoxification. Upcoming topics include osteoporosis, injury, menopause, blood sugar and others.

For information, call 288-3610.

Malone visting

Venice Library Friday
Author Antoinette "Toni" Malone will be at the Venice Public Library for a book-signing Friday.

Area cleanup slated Saturday

The Tri-City Area Chamber of Commerce's "Stash The Trash" clean-up campaign will be held Saturday at Granite City Campus of IAC.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The campaign begins a half-hour later, followed by a picnic at 11:30 a.m. at the campus.

This year will mark the 20th annual area wide cleanup in which Interstate 270, Illinois 3, Highway 111 and Highway 203 will be divided into sections.

Designated teams will then clean their designated sections. Awards will be given to the teams filling the largest number of bags.

Clubs, organizations, groups and interested persons are welcome. For more information, call the Tri-City Area Chapter of Commerce at 875-6100.

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Composting is simply the process of breaking down yard waste and kitchen scraps into a soil additive. What can be composted? Grass clippings, leaves, withered annual and vegetable plants, faded flowers, fruit and vegetable peels, coffee grounds, eggshells, sawdust, pruning clippings and weeds. In other words, a lot of the stuff you've been cramming into trash bags.

Some materials should not be composted. These include meat scraps, bones, grease, whole eggs and other dairy products. Also, the waste from plants that have been treated with weed controls doesn't make good compost.

All plant materials contain carbon and nitrogen. The nitrogen is used for a food source by micro-organisms. As these work away, heat is produced, which further breaks down the plant material. The average compost pile can attain temperatures of 150°F, hot enough to kill many disease organisms and weed seeds.

Why does this happen? Because water freezes at 32°F, gravity pulls objects to earth and it gets dark at night. It's just nature working the way it does.

There are two methods of composting, aerobic (with air) and anaerobic (without). The micro-organisms responsible for aerobic composting need air to do their job. Aerobic composting is the most often used method by gardeners, since it's easier and faster.

Everything's out in the open.

Here's how to make a compost pile. First, don't make it too big. Three feet square is plenty. If it's bigger, it won't generate enough heat, and it will all be for naught.

Make an 8" to 10" layer of plant material. Small pieces break down faster; shred bulky materials, especially twigs greater than a quarter-inch in diameter. Moisten the material slightly. Next, spread a third of a cup of blood meal or granular plant food over the pile. A 1" to 2" layer of cow manure can be used if you wish.

Cover everything with a 1" layer of soil. Continue doing this until all your plant material is used up.

You're probably thinking that this isn't going to be the most pleasant-smelling thing in the world, and you're right. But it won't be offensive if maintained properly. And that means frequent stirring. Frequent in this case means about twice a month.

The pile should be kept moist. You don't have to wet it down every day, but it shouldn't be allowed to completely dry out. Too little moisture, and the pile will be slow to decompose.

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New county initiative assists crime victims

By Curtiss A. Hartley
Staff writer

A new initiative is being launched in Madison County that will help crime victims find their way through the criminal justice system.

MADISON COUNTY
and Court Services Department has developed a new Victim Assistance Program that champions the crime victim's right to participate in the criminal justice system, said Judy Dallas, deputy chief probation officer.

In the past, most of our efforts have been directed at the offender," Dallas said. "Now, we'll specifically seek to assist the victim as well," she said.

The goals of the new program are to teach the immediate and long-term effects victims experience, prevent future harm and involve the victim with the community in the criminal

justice experience, Dallas said. To promote the new program the department set up displays throughout National Crime Victims Week and passed out booklets with yellow ribbons, Dallas said.

"The Madison County Board passed a resolution designating Madison County as Crime Victim's Week, and we wrote to mayors of all the larger municipalities in Madison County asking them to make similar proclamations and resolutions," Dallas said.

"We're passing out the booklets with yellow ribbons in Madison, East Alton and at the detention home," she said. "We'll have posters in the Wood River library, and we've requested approval to put a display in the administration building lobby," she said. "We'll have the posters and booklets at Alton City Hall, and the Granite City Police Department, and booklets will be distributed through Oasis, Phoenix Crisis Center, and Chestnut Health," she said.

Dallas said a new position was created within the department's Community Corrections Auxiliary Services Unit. Joanne Spencer, a long-time department staffer, is the new victim assistance specialist. Her role is to coordinate a victim-sensitive and victim-empowering philosophy, Dallas said. She described the philosophy as "a restorative justice philosophy."

"The offender must be made accountable for the harm he has caused the victim and the community," she said. "The victim must be made whole to the extent possible, and the community must bear the responsibility of supporting both the victim and the offender."

Specifically the program will work to hold the offender accountable for financial restitution to the victim, and to supervise community service work. The other component of the program is to make basic information about trauma and recovery, crime prevention, community-based services and related issues available to crime victims.

Part of the program also involves continuing to educate and train the probation department's staff to increase empathy for crime victims.

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Tax burden still too burdensome

By John Shimkus
April 15 has come and gone once again. And instead of being able to enjoy the beginnings of spring, many people get the tax headache when they realize they are not working for the government until mid-May.

The typical American family pays 35 percent of its total income in taxes at all levels of government. This is more than that same family pays for food, shelter and clothing combined.

In the 1997 Balanced Budget Agreement and the Taxpayer Relief Act, Congress provided a \$500 per child tax credit.

I was proud to have supported that measure, which gave back part of every family's hard-earned money. This year the tax credit was \$400; next year the full \$500 will be credited for eligible children.

The National Federation of Independent Business held protests at post offices in select cities on April 15 as part of "Taxpayers Pain Relief." I agree that the current tax code is

burdensome and too complex. I support a simpler, flatter and fairer tax code that everyone can understand.

I also support the Tax Limitation Amendment, which would require a two-thirds vote in each house of Congress in order to raise taxes. This will make it harder for the federal government to just get bigger and bigger.

You work hard for your money, and I believe that you deserve to keep more of it to Washington.

I support Republican proposals to first set aside all Social Security surplus funds and interest out of the reach of some politicians who just want to spend and spend.

We can use the remaining surplus funds to shore up our national defenses and then return some of the excess taxes collected back to you.

April 15 does not have to be such a bad day after all. (John Shimkus is a U.S. Congressman from Collinsville.)

Letter to the editor Tragedy again reveals void

TO THE EDITOR:
Tuesday's tragedy in Denver reminded me all too well about why we must care for our children.

According to non-stop media coverage, the individuals responsible for the massacre in Littleton, Colo., were two teenage boys — kids. Classmates reported that the boys were considered "nerds," "losers," and "didn't really belong." As a result, the boys considered themselves "outsiders."

It is extremely troubling to acknowledge when a child feels left out, different and has no sense of belonging, extreme violence can be the consequence and everyone suffers.

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Since the incident on Tuesday, there have been ongoing dialogue and the call for more police and metal detectors in school. We contend that the need is not for more "quick fixes," but for long-lasting and caring interaction between children and adults.

Youth violence will not be deterred by machines, such as metal detectors. It will be prevented when every child feels loved, appreciated and supported.

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When is campaign pledge not a pledge? At least it took Ryan 93 days to look into gaming expansion

It took George Ryan exactly 93 days to break his promise not to expand gambling in Illinois.

Not that this is any big surprise. Nobody, and I mean nobody, believed Ryan during the campaign last year when he pledged to oppose expansion.



Rich Miller

It was absurd to think that George Ryan, of all people, could resist the temptation to cut a mega-bucks riverboat deal for very long. Ryan wants to cut deals, to the point of making that the defining philosophy of his candidacy.

A gambling deal could finance a massive public works program, or some such thing, and make a lot of his friends richer in the process. George has tons of friends, and they have been very loyal over the years, and this would be a nice return on their generosity.

The most obvious beneficiaries of this largesse would be Rosemont Mayor Don Stephens and Arlington International Race Course owner Dick Duchossios. Stephens wants a boat for his tiny village attached to the world's busiest airport to spark

even more hotel construction and other commercial developments. The multi-millionaire Duchossios wants a subsidy from a new boat so he can reopen his track.

But there would be hundreds of other prime opportunities to reap vast rewards from a boat deal. And a goodly number of those people will probably have nothing but "R's" on their voting records.

The gambling lobbyists were so excited about their good friend George's election that they tried to put a boat bill on his desk the first week he was in office. A rampant strain of gambling fever quickly swept through Springfield.

The proposal would have moved the license of a defunct riverboat in Jo Daviess County

and, for the first time, would have allowed boats to be located in Cook County. The bill would also have lifted the requirement that riverboats actually operate like real boats and cruise up and down the river.

Ryan had to throw cold water on the party, though. His lieutenants began spreading the word that the Big Guy didn't want his first official act to be a controversial discarding of a major campaign promise.

Of course, nobody ever said that George wouldn't agree to that deal later on. It's just that breaking a big-time pledge while simultaneously allowing wealthy political insiders to become wealthier when he hadn't even unpacked his moving boxes yet would probably cripple him politically by setting such a bad tone from the get-go.

So the whole matter was dropped. But 93 days after taking the oath of office, the governor himself floated the idea of Cook County boat. Up until that point, the governor's press secretary maintained the that the governor opposed a boat for Cook County because that would qualify a gaming expansion. But Ryan himself never said that, which gave him some wiggle room later.

Evidently, the governor decided that he had waited long enough to bend his campaign promise. A suburban newspaper was handed the

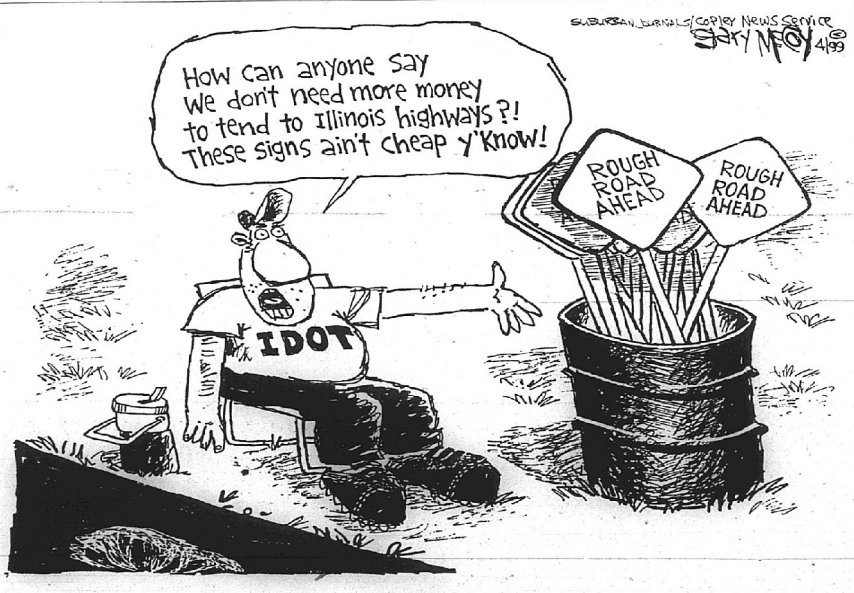
leak the day after municipal election day — perhaps to avoid making boats an issue in races throughout the state and particularly in Cook County.

Ryan tried to float the concept without completely endorsing the idea to give himself an escape hatch should these latest negotiations fall through. He told the paper that the only way to pass a gambling bill was to include Cook County in the mix.

The next day the governor told reporters that a gambling bill was important to the state's future. Ryan said the bill would spur tax collections and pad the state's budget, save the horse racing industry from extinction and shore up our existing riverboat casinos against out-of-state competition.

By endorsing a gaming bill, Ryan was also effectively endorsing a Cook County boat license, of course, but not explicitly. Which is all that counts anymore in this era of carefully parsing politicians.

Why is this cautious language so important? It's best to keep some distance between him and the bill. Religious conservatives do not like gambling and religious conservative legislators only like riverboats if they're docked in their districts. An angry right wing, already upset at him for supporting a gay rights bill, could make life difficult at the Statehouse.



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Granite City man killed in post-prom shooting; Major Case Squad called

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into the house, apparently getting rid of the gun, and came out again and surrendered.

While police were sorting out the incident, the next-door

neighbor came up and said there was a body in her front yard.

An autopsy was performed Monday, but no information on results was available.

Because the officer and the 16-year-old used different types of weapons, Nonn said they would be able to tell who shot

Hacke.

"We'll know later today, but we're pretty sure it was the kid's bullet," Nonn said.

He said the incident apparently stemmed from an earlier altercation at the party.

Nonn said Hacke was a member of a Granite City

"gang" known as the Lynch Mob, which he described as a group of 18-22 year olds.

"Some members of the group were there earlier," Nonn said. "They felt they were disrespected."

He said they left but came back later with more people. After a brief altercation, the

people inside the house locked the door.

At that point, the "Lynch Mob" allegedly broke down the door and broke several windows in an attempt to enter the house.

"The kid panics, runs and gets the gun," Nonn said.

He said the Lynch Mob was known to police, but members were not considered a "hard-core" gang, but more of a "casual association."

"We're not talking about Hitler and all the hard-core stuff," Nonn said. "These people are nowhere near that."

"It's just a series of bad mistakes from the get-go," he said. "When you mix alcohol and teenagers, stupid things happen."

School officials, police meet

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referred to the therapists. They experience, she said, anything from depression to grief or suffer the effects of some type of physical abuse at home.

Grazman also said that if their needs are more extensive than the therapists can provide, they are referred to a hospital or to their primary physician. About 450 students, she said, are referred each year by school counselors, students, teachers or parents.

"Our goal is to enhance their emotional well-being and coping skills," Grazman said.

Diabetes ride set May 8

The 27th annual Diabetes Bike-A-Thon will take place May 8 at three area bicycle trails.

The event will benefit diabetes research and programs offered by the American Diabetes Association. It is sponsored by the St. Louis chapter of the association and various businesses, including the Suburban Journal.

The bike-a-thon will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the following sites:

• The 8.5-mile bike route in Forest Park, starting at the World's Fair Pavilion.

• A round trip of between 4 and 29 miles along the Great River Road, beginning at the start of the Sonoran Valleydale Bike Trail or the trail parking lot at Grafton, north of Alton.

• A round trip of between 7 and 78 miles of the Katy Trail, starting at the trail parking lots at the St. Charles Katy Depot, Weldon Springs or Marthasville.

Helmets will be required. Over the past 26 years, the Bike-A-Thon has raised \$1.94 million, organizers said. This year's goal is bringing the total to over \$2 million.

More than 200 prizes — such as sports equipment, weekends at various hotels, dinners, gift certificates and more — will be awarded to cyclists raising the most money.

The grand prize will be a five-day vacation for two at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress Resort in Orlando, Fla., with round-trip airfare contributed by American Airlines.

Trophies and prizes will be awarded to groups of riders who enter as teams.

Each rider raises money by signing up sponsors who contribute money for each mile the cyclist rides in the event, or a flat fee.

Participants who raise \$50 or more will get a Bike-A-Thon T-shirt.

All participants will receive a coupon redeemable for a hamburger or cheeseburger at any McDonald's restaurant.

Diabetes is a disease in which the body is unable to properly process sugars in the blood. Left untreated, the disease can cause blindness, loss of limbs, nerve damage and heart disease. Those with diabetes can take pills to control their condition, or must inject insulin into their bodies several times a day in order to survive.

Other corporate sponsors of the event include American Airlines, Diet Dr Pepper, KMOX-AM, McDonald's restaurants and Six Flags St. Louis.

Entry forms are available at McDonald's restaurants or by calling 647-2110.

Those unable to ride may send a check payable to the Bike-A-Thon. Checks should be mailed to the American Diabetes Association, 2650 S. Hanley Road, Suite 350, St. Louis, 63144.

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GC accident victim doesn't lose his spirit

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crutches, then get an artificial limb after that...we'll see." Moore is also ready to take up his fishing hobby again. "I love to fish," Moore said. "A friend of mine brought me up a rod and reel to practice with. They have a patio outside. I can hit a tree. I can get up a tree pretty good; I'm trying to pick out a limb." Occupational Therapist Beth Maglasang said Moore has "come a long way." Although he needs supervision, Maglasang said he is doing

very well.

"He started off being quite limited in his shoulder movement and his ability to exercise," Maglasang said. "Now he's able to transfer on his own — get in and out of his wheelchair."

Maglasang said that was "a huge step."

"He's had to overcome changes in his balance and body scheme, also having to compensate what he's used to doing with two legs, he's having to do with one and using his arms to compensate for the other leg," Maglasang said.

Eventually, Maglasang said

Moore should be independent

and will be able to drive.

"It is hard work; I'm sure Charlie will attest to that," Maglasang added.

In the meantime, Moore was still trying not to watch the clock. He was expecting his wife, Peggy to get there later that afternoon.

"I'm counting the minutes," Moore said. "I haven't been looking at the clock, I know it's going to slow down now."

"The word thanks doesn't seem to be big enough for what I owe people."

GCHS spring musical opens tonight

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from George Bernard Shaw's play and Gabriel Pascal's motion picture "Pygmalion," with lyrics and music by Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe. Numbers include such well-known tunes as "I Could Have Danced All Night," "With a Little Bit of Luck," "On The Street Where You Live," "Get Me To The Church On Time" and "I've Grown Accustomed To Her Face."

The 1964 movie version starred Rex Harrison as Higgins (he also starred in the 1938 British movie version of "Pygmalion") and Audrey Hepburn as Doolittle.

The musical is directed by Mary Bright and choreographed by Margaret Holland Pennell. Band director Ben Jackels will lead the orchestra and Beverly Scroggins is in charge of set and technical design.

Other cast members include Lora Smallman as Mrs. Pearce, Natasha Mangaracino as Mrs.

Higgins, and Chris Singleton as Freddy Eynsford-Hill.

Also appearing are Megan Bilyeu, Michael Vivod, Jeff Karns, David Eliff, Joe Colyer, Tony Mell, Joe Laird, Andy Eliff, Jeremy Champion, Richy Woodard.

Justin Meagher, Andy Ravanelli, Camille Fensterman, Marc Johnson, Melissa Lueke, Amanda Boone, Amy Krieschok, Madrigal Vorce, Steve Kirkpatrick, Jennifer O'Beir.

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Tickets are \$4 and can be purchased from cast members or at the door.

WalkAmerica raises funds for March of Dimes

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Staff writer

Shannon Cross indicated how tired everyone was after Saturday's 29th annual WalkAmerica in Edwardsville. Cross, a massage therapist, said her hands were starting to get tired after all the massages she gave.

"It's been good practice," said Cross, who works in Swansea.

She was interviewed briefly as she worked on the legs of Kathy Wehling of Edwardsville.

"I'm out of shape," Wehling said.

Cross said she gave about 50 massages to walkers after they toured the 6.2-mile course around Edwardsville, raising \$42,000 to fight birth defects.

Jessica Hill, the official

March of Dimes WalkAmerica child for this year, started off the walk from Edwardsville Middle School at 9 a.m. sharp.

"I think everybody had a lot

of fun," said Becky Heinen, 16, of Columbia.

She said the checkpoints were manned by volunteers representing businesses and groups. They doled out prizes and entertained the walkers as they went.

"The Anderson (Hospital) checkpoint was best. They had clowns and face-painting and they were pretty rowdy," Heinen said.

Her father, Roy Heinen, is a regional chairman for the

March of Dimes.

He said the event is successful each year because it focuses on the health of young people.

"For every healthy child, there will be a healthy adult."

"Businesses are generous with the organization because research into birth defects helps save health-care dollars in the long run, Heinen said.

He said the work is especially important in Metro East.

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Young children learn about police vehicles

By Curtiss A. Hartley
Staff writer

Toddlers bundled up against the blowing rain scurried from one exciting vehicle to another, blowing horns, testing sirens, flashing lights, climbing over steering wheels and trying out every knob and switch within reach.

"That's how kids learn," said LaVern Wilson, Vehicle Day coordinator. "They have to touch and see everything for themselves."

Wilson is the director of the Early Childhood Center at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. The center sponsored Vehicle Day recently at SIUE. Children from day-care centers in Alton, Edwardsville, Collinsville, Glen Carbon and Granite City came to view a variety of unique modes of transportation.

"They really enjoy visiting, discovering, touching and, of course, sitting in the driver's seat," Wilson said.

Wilson, who has been at SIUE's Early Childhood Center since 1971, said the idea came from one of the parents.

"When they lived in Arizona, her son's school did this and he really enjoyed it," Wilson said. "So, we decided to try it."

"This is the third year, and each year it's grown."

In spite of the weather, about 420 children showed up, Wilson said. More than 500 children were expected to tour the 25 vehicles on display. Last year's event drew about 400 children, she said.

"I was really impressed with the people that came," Wilson said. "We were determined not to cancel, even if it was just our few kids that walked over to see the vehicles."

Though some of the parents and group leaders commented about the foul weather, it didn't seem to bother the children, Wilson said.

"I didn't hear any of the kids complaining about how cold it was," she said. "They were all having too much fun."

Some of the more unusual vehicles on display included a Fire Protection "Crash" vehicle from Scott Air Force Base, the Schnucks Dairy Wagon, a 1918 tanker from Shell Oil and an oxygen tanker.

Obituaries

Alpha Bauer
ALPHA M. BAUER, 90, of Gillette, Wyo., formerly of Granite City, died Saturday, April 24, 1999, at Pioneer Manor Nursing Home in Gillette, Wyo. She had lived in Granite City for 52 years.

Mrs. Bauer was born Feb. 22, 1909, in Eros, Ark. She was a homemaker and a member of Second Baptist Church in Granite City.

Survivors include her daughter, Karen Reynolds of Gillette, Wyo.; five grandchildren, David Wier, Joshua Reynolds, Andrea Brinkman, Kara Reynolds, and Lisa Mack; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Bauer, in 1969; her parents, Jefferson and Martha (Vail) Davis, one daughter, Lois Gibbs Wier, and one grandchild, Caley Brinkman.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. today, Wednesday, April 28, at Werner Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Brian Smith officiating. Burial will be in St. John's Cemetery, Granite City.

Walter Crawford
WALTER GLENN CRAWFORD, 79, of Granite City, died Saturday, April 24, 1999, at Missouri Baptist Hospital in St. Louis.

He was born June 26, 1919, in East St. Louis, and had lived in Granite City for 50 years. Mr. Crawford was retired from Union Electric (now AmerenUE), where he had worked as a pipeliner at the Macgregor power plant. He was a member of Operating Engineers Local 1074 and the Ozark Eagle Club.

Mr. Crawford was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, during which he spent 18 months as a prisoner of war. He was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include his brother, Grover Crawford of New Athens; and his nieces and nephews, Mary Norn, Donna Scaturro, Craig Norn and Stephen Norn, all of Granite City; Norma Martinelli of California; Russell Norn of John, Daniel, Ronald Miller and Raymond Miller, all of St. Louis; Christine Dubay of Minnesota; Patricia Spencer of Fairview Heights and Rosemarie Brown of New Athens.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Kathryn (Norn) Crawford in 1968; and his parents, Charles and Iva (Nease) Crawford.

Services were held Tuesday, April 27, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary in

Granite City, with the Rev. Fred Boatright officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to the New Athens Baptist Church Building Fund, VFW or the Ronald McDonald House.

Thomas Gipson
THOMAS E. GIPSON, 78, of Granite City, died Wednesday, April 14, 1999, at his residence.

Mr. Gipson was born Oct. 6, 1920, in Paducah, Ky. He had worked at Anheuser-Busch as a brewer-maltster in the barley house since 1941.

He was the former proprietor of Automatic Air in Granite City and a member of the St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, American Legion Anheuser-Busch Post 299, VFW Post 5691 in Collinsville, Brewers-Maltsters Local Club, and Anheuser-Busch Senior Club. Mr. Gipson was a World War II U.S. Coast Guard veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Josephine (Manzell) Gipson, whom he married May 28, 1949; one daughter, Carol Hartzel of Glen Carbon; and one grandson, Brad Hartzel of Collinsville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marvin and Mamie (Ford) Gipson; four brothers, Vergil, Gentry, Steve and Ray Gipson; and one sister, Geneva Smith.

Services were held Monday, April 19, at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Granite City, with the Rev. Francis Tebanura officiating. Burial will be in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Hospice of Madison County or St. Elizabeth Church Building Fund.

Mary Konarcik
MARY (GANCARICK) KONARCICK, 88, of Granite City, died at 11:53 p.m. Saturday, April 24, 1999, at Colonial Care Center in Granite City.

Mrs. Konarcik was born July 23, 1910, in Paducah, Ky. She was a homemaker and a member of Holy Family Catholic Church. She had formerly worked at Imperial Laundry and Marthas Manning Dress Factory and at NESCO during World War II.

Survivors include two daughters, Janice Willard of Granite City and Rosalind Boyd of Dover, Tenn.; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Konarcik, whom she married May 5, 1928; her parents, Matyas and Veronica Gancarik; one sister, Anna Parlow; and one brother, Joseph Gancarik.

Services were held Tuesday, April 27, at Holy Family Catholic Church, with the Rev. Bill Fishenkeffer officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in St. Louis.

Memorials in the form of Masses have been suggested.

Jimmy Kostoff Jr.
JIMMY "THE GREEK" KOSTOFF JR., 40, of Madison, died Sunday, April 11, 1999, at his residence.

Mr. Kostoff was born Oct. 24, 1948, in Madison. He was a laborer for Laborers Local 179 of Edwardsville and a member of Holy Trinity Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church, Madison.

Mr. Kostoff was the Illinois state recorder for yellow bass.

Survivors include his wife, Jeannette Kostoff of Madison; his mother, Victoria Lindsay of Madison; his daughter, Christine Kostoff of Collinsville; one stepson, William Bugis of Cahokia; two stepdaughters, Tammy Polach of Cahokia and Jeannette Manahan of Madison; and five grandchildren.

Mr. Kostoff was preceded in death by his father, James Kostoff Sr.

Services were held Wednesday, April 14, at Holy Trinity Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church, with the Rev. Peter Stamboldjiev and the Rev. Thomas Succarotto officiating. Burial was in St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

Memorials may be made to Holy Trinity Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church.

Dorris Raynor Jr.
DORRIS THOMAS RAYNOR JR., 52, of Granite City, died at 7:37 p.m. Thursday, April 22, 1999, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

Mr. Raynor was born March 5, 1947, in Granite City. He was employed by Carpenters Local 377 and was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

Survivors include his mother, Josephine (Pinkston) Raynor; two

sons, Thomas C. Raynor of Granite City and Christopher Raynor of Collinsville; one daughter, Catherine Raynor of Granite City; one brother, Barry Raynor of Highland; two grandsons, Thomas Raynor of Grove Coeur, Ill., and Justin Martin of Granite City; and two granddaughters, Jessica Martin of Granite City, and Jessica Raynor of Grove Coeur, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dorris Raynor Sr., and one brother, Ronald Raynor.

Services were held Monday, April 26, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Jeff Smith officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Jane Kranz
JANE L. KRANZ, 54, of Savanna, Ill., died Saturday, April 10, 1999, at Samaritan Health System in Clinton, Iowa. She was born June 8, 1944, in Turrell, Ark.

Mrs. Kranz, a homemaker, graduated from Venice High School in 1962.

Survivors include her husband, Jack Kranz, whom she married July 31, 1975, in Granite City; two daughters, Jaime Sides of Fulton and Stephanie Sides of McAlester, Okla.; one stepdaughter, John Busch of Iowa; one stepson, Ga; one stepson, John Krane of Chicago; four sisters, Myrtle, Franka and Sandra Fernholtz, both of Houston; Patty Packus of Granite City and Ann Rezzell of Iredale, Fla.; four brothers, John Dubois of Granite City, Roy Dubois of Arcadia, Fla., Bob Dubois of Chino, Calif., and Curtis Dubois of Riverview, Fla.; nine grandchildren, Josh and Tyler Sides, Lauren and Austin Vesely, Tiffany Dickens, Conrad Busch III, Abby, Emily, and Amber Kranz; and one great-grandson, Seth Pickens.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Jeannie (McFerrin) Dubois; and one sister, Mattie Bell Club.

Services were held Wednesday, April 14, at Law-Jones Funeral Home in Savanna, with the Rev. Kendrick Matthews officiating. Burial was in Savanna Township Cemetery.

Memorials to the Parkinson's Foundation have been suggested.

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Laser Pointers

What you need to know about laser pointer safety

by Mark A. Yates, OD
Illinois Eye Specialists

Recently we have received many questions regarding the use and safety of laser pointers. The information below is designed to help answer any questions you may have about the safety and correct use for laser pointing devices.

Certain types of laser pointers can present a significant risk for eye damage if shined directly into a person's eye. A person exposed to the laser beam from a pointer can experience temporary vision dysfunction, flash blindness, afterimage and glare. While more permanent effects such as retinal burns are less likely, directly staring into a laser pointer can pose significant visual risk to a person's eyes, including a permanent loss of vision.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has warned parents that laser pointers are not a toy and should not be used by children and teenagers. There are some common sense rules to keep in mind when using laser pointers. Laser pointers should never be pointed at another person, in a mirror or a glass object that could cause a reflection of the beam, and one should never stare directly into a laser pointer. Laser pointers should be used for pointing out inanimate objects and for instructional purposes only. To avoid misuse, always remove the batteries from a laser pointer when it is not in use.

Safe use and common sense are the best ways to prevent eye injuries from a laser pointer. If you would like to receive a list of laser pointer safety guidelines please call one of our offices listed below.

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Hoffman honored by court group

The Illinois Probation and Court Services Association recently awarded state Rep. Jay Hoffman, D-Collinsville, top honors for his work in the Illinois General Assembly.

Hoffman was recognized during the association's Spring Conference in Springfield last week as this year's recipient of the Gerald Chrisman Legislative Award.

The award is presented annually to the legislator who works closest with the IPCSA and performs outstanding service in the areas of probation and court services.

Darrell McGibany, Madison County director of probation and court services, noted that Hoffman has worked closely with the IPCSA for many years. Hoffman has been a strong advocate for the IPCSA since he first served as the director of probation in St. Clair County in 1989, McGibany said.

Hoffman said that he was honored to receive the award. He said that he will continue to work in the legislature to enhance and strengthen Illinois' probation laws.

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National Eagles Auxiliary president visits Granite City

Granite City Eagles Auxiliary 1126 recently held a reception for the national Eagles Grand Madam President at the Eagles Home, located at 2558 Madison Ave.

A welcoming committee went to the Lambert-St. Louis International Airport to pick-up Doris Bateson, Grand Madam President, of Lawrence, Kan. A get-acquainted luncheon was enjoyed, and she was given a tour of the St. Louis metropolitan area.

A reception dinner was held in the evening with the auxiliary and Aerie welcoming her to our area. Bateson visited just three cities in the southern Illinois area during her visit.

Bateson presented those gathered with a bear pin with her slogan on it. Doris collects bears and Christmas tree ornaments.

The hall was decorated in her favorite colors, pink and fuchsia, with teddy bears as the main theme.

Joanna Spencer served as chair of the dinner, and Auxiliary sisters from other areas were invited, including

Doris Bateson of Lawrence, Kan., the national Eagles Auxiliary Grande Madam President, recently paid a visit to Granite City Eagles Aerie 1126 Auxiliary, one of only three southern Illinois cities slated to be visited during her visit.

Theresa McWhinney of Springfield, Illinois State Madam President; Ronnite McQueen, Decatur; Marilyn Owen, Alton, southern zone rotating trustee; Martha Howlett, Alton, state membership chair; Joan Accord, Alton, state membership co-chair; Elaine Jaglu, Shiloh, state outside guard; Kathy Dullea, Shiloh, central region president and PSMP; Mary Stogner, Collinsville, FMSP; and Doris Wallace, Jerseyville, district 7 director, were among the many out-of-town guests.

Aerie 1126 had 10 state and local officers at the event, and the auxiliary was represented by 30 members. Rose Gibson, Barbara Wright and Diane

Isenbrech were among the out-of-town guests.

Doris spoke of her many years with the Eagles. Bateson has been a member since 1950, joining the Lawrence, Kan. Auxiliary. She spoke about her project for the year, Alzheimer's disease, reading poems that were pertinent to the subject and reviewing her year and travels as Grand Madam.

Theresa McWhinney, state president, spoke on her state project for the year, cancer research.

Following her visit to Granite City, Bateson attended the state officers weekend in Springfield. Joanna and Ken Spencer motored with her to this meeting.



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Eagles Auxiliary Grand Madam President Doris Bateson of Lawrence, Kan., is welcomed to Granite City Eagles Aerie 1126 during a recent visit to the St. Louis area by Granite City Eagles Auxiliary president Nina Jackson and Illinois State Aerie president Theresa McWhinney.

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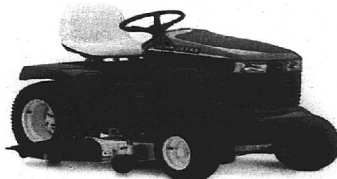
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Mon-Clair League expands

Two teams stretch
league's boundaries

Looks like I've got some traveling to do this baseball season. The Mon-Clair men's amateur baseball league not only has added Greenville, but also is expanding to Farmington, Mo.

Can you imagine the drive time from Greenville to Farmington? Sounds like a 2½-hour trek, but when it comes to baseball and its popularity, who is to

question Mon-Clair president Mel Patton and the league's managers? While Greenville has been mentioned here previously, Farmington officially became the

leagues eighth member at an April 19 meeting in Millstadt, where John Simily of Farmington assured league members that he would put a competitive team on the field.

"We've been looking for a place for the players to play after they pass 18 years of age, and the Mon-Clair league is it," said Simily, the longtime president of the Farmington Baseball Association.

"We've been affiliated with Babe Ruth leagues for ages 7 through 18 for several years and have won five state championships in recent years," said Simily. "We also have competed in the Babe Ruth World Series in New York, Mississippi and Arkansas, but Arkansas players reach the age of 19, there's no place for them to play."

With Mineral Area College among the sources of talent for the new team, Simily said there is no shortage of players from which to choose. These include one of his sons, Bobby Simily, an outstanding first baseman at the community college. Another son, John Simily III, the varsity baseball coach at West County High School in Leadwood, Mo., will assist his 32-year-old dad in running the Farmington men's team.

According to Patton, among the other appealing aspects of Farmington is its facility, Wilson-Rozier Park. The complex once was a minor league facility and now is a well-lighted park, including a grass infield.

"With Farmington as the eighth team, we also avoid having a bye in our schedule," said Patton. Among those supporting the addition of Farmington was Waterloo manager Vern Moeurs and one of his players, Neil Fiala, the coach at Belleville Area College.

Farmington will join defending champion Waterloo in the South Division of the M-C with Valmeyer and Millstadt. The North Division will include Fairview Heights, Granite City, Greenville and Sauget. The league schedule, which will be announced shortly, will include two all-star games: Wednesday, July 14 against the St. Louis Metro Collegians at Sauget; and Wednesday, Aug. 11, when the North opposes the South in the 7:30 p.m. affair at Fairview Heights.

While Waterloo and Granite City will return to Prairie State Games competition in the summer, Valmeyer again will host an eight-team tournament July 3-5. The other tournament entries are Fairview, Granite City, Millstadt, Sauget, Waterloo, Cape Girardeau, Mo., and the St. Louis Printers.

The M-C playoffs will be Aug. 13-15 at Waterloo with the top four teams competing in a double-elimination tournament.



Granite City outfielder Ted Millas was 5 for 8 with 4 RBI in Saturday's doubleheader, including the game-winner in the second contest.

Warriors split doubleheader

Millas' single in seventh
lifts GCHS to 7-6 victory

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

The Granite City baseball team started Saturday's doubleheader poorly, but pulled it together to get a split with Greenville.

Teddy Millas' one-out, bases-loaded single in the bottom of the seventh inning gave the Warriors a 7-6 victory in the second game.

"He just threw me a fastball and I hit it," Millas said. That allowed Granite City to salvage a split after losing 10-1 in the opener.

In the second game, the Warriors had a 5-4 lead going into the fifth but Greenville scored two in the top of the fifth to regain the lead, 6-5. Granite City came back to tie in the home half of the fifth on Kevin Elliott's RBI single.

Warriors pitcher Sean Courtney relieved starter Scott Schardan with two outs in the top of the third inning and ended up getting the win. After closing out the third, Courtney struck out the side in the fourth. In 4½ innings, Courtney allowed two runs on two hits and struck out seven.

The last two times out, Sean Courtney has been

exceptional," Granite City coach Gus Lignoul said. "The adjustments that we tried to make were not physical adjustments, because mechanically he was fine. The problem was that he was getting ahead in the count to the hitters and then he was losing them. All we have asked Sean to do was if he misses, to miss either in or out and not to miss up. Since he has taken that approach, he has been very successful. And he has been exceptional the last two times out."

Millas also had a big seventh-inning hit in the first game, a three-run home run against Greenville starter Scott Dahl.

"That was a fastball right over the plate," Millas said. "I knew right as soon as I hit it that it was gone."

Millas was 5 for 8 on the day with four RBI but his blast wasn't enough to salvage the first game.

Granite City starter Dustin Murphy gave up a hit, two walks, a hit batsman and five earned runs as he was unable to survive the first inning. "We put ourselves in a bad position in the first inning," Lignoul said. "That's two

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Granite City picked up two other wins

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Granite City's offense finally awoke last week as the Warriors bashed two opponents to splinters. The Warriors beat St. Louis Christian Brothers College 9-1 last Wednesday afternoon behind the pitching of Devin Mayes, who is

usually found at shortstop. "Devin Mayes pitched Wednesday and did an excellent job," Granite City coach Gus Lignoul said. "He only allowed two hits. One was a first-inning single and the kid was out trying to stretch it into a double. Then he allowed a fifth-inning home run on a 0-2 pitch that was a very good pitch.

The ball was low and outside and about six inches off the ground. The kid went down and he hit it out. It was a good pitch, and the hitter just did a nice job, so you have to give credit to him on that one."

"Mayes threw 87 pitches, 61 of them were for strikes. He faced 25 batters and he had 19 first-pitch strikes. So he

was ahead of the hitters all night. So he threw strikes and he was ahead of the hitters, and he had a two-hitter as a result of that."

Mayes didn't find out he was pitching until just before game time.

"(Coach Lignoul) said he didn't tell me because he didn't want to stir me up or anything, because I don't really pitch that much," Mayes said. "I found

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Junior top guns stood out in MVCHA Class A

Luhr sparked Waterloo's
run to MVCHA Class A title

By Garen Vartanian
Staff writer

Registering clutch goals became a common practice for Waterloo Bulldogs junior Jason Luhr in 1998-99.

Luhr consistently provided the backbreaking blow to Bulldogs opponents this season in the team's first year as a member of the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association.

"Big goals; he always scored the big goals," said Waterloo coach Mike Grubb, whose club finished 21-3-2 while winning the MVCHA Class A title with a 4-1 victory against Jerseyville on March 6. "If we were down one or tied, he'd always come through. Jason put the puck in the net when we needed it."

Luhr displayed those heroics Dec. 8 against fellow league power Freeburg. Trailing 4-2, Luhr's goal cut Freeburg's lead to one with 1:09 left in the third period. Luhr scored again with just two seconds remaining, helping the Bulldogs salvage a 4-4 stalemate.

Luhr posted six game-winning goals this season. "What I try to do if the team's down, I try and get them pumped up," Luhr said. "If the opportunity comes, I go

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Ryan Keck, Freeburg.

for the goal too. I'll do whatever I need to lift the team up."

Luhr finished the campaign with 26 goals, 12 assists and 38 total points. Only freshman teammate Chad McBride recorded more points (44) than Luhr.

Luhr, who missed the first three games of 1998-99 with a broken wrist, was the third-leading scorer in Class A. Needless to say, Luhr's output was vital to Waterloo's championship run in its first varsity season. The club played a JV exhibition schedule in first.

"(The championship) meant a lot because last season was an introductory season and we went through a lot of losses," Luhr said. "It was a hard road. We made up for it this



Freeburg's Justin Anderson was the top scorer in MVCHA Class A this winter with 36 goals and 14 assists.

Freeburg's Anderson led Class A in scoring

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

Freeburg hockey coach Craig Buntentbach had a good reason to think his team would be successful in its inaugural season in the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association.

That reason was Justin Anderson. Anderson, a junior transfer from Belleville East, lived up to his billing by leading the Blue

Rage to a 19-0-2 regular-season mark in the MVCHA Class A.

Anderson, who shares Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois MVCHA Class A Co-Player of the Year honors with Waterloo's Jason Luhr, was the top scorer among MVCHA Class A

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Althoff suffers its second loss

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

Despite a 5-4 loss to Belleville West, Althoff coach Brett Isaacs continues to be pleased with the effort of the Crusaders baseball team. Althoff, which was scheduled to play Tuesday at New Athens, earned a pair of victories last week — 7-0 over Mater Dei and 6-2 over Weslin. The West game was played April 21 after a doubleheader slated for April 17 was rained out.

"We've been playing pretty well overall for the last week and a half to two weeks, but the weather has limited our games and made it hard to stay consistent," said Althoff coach Brett Isaacs. "Senior (shortstop) Jake Friederich has hit the ball well."

"Brad Beatty bats third with Jake fourth. Shawn Hampton, who bats fifth, has done a good job of driving in runs. Jim Beever is sixth and Jason Diekmeyer is seventh. Our (Nos. 3-7) guys have been getting on base and driving people home. Our 4-7 guys are all seniors and they've contributed a great deal."

"We've been pretty consistent on the mound, with five kids (Brad Kramkowski, Doug McMorris, Bob Breslin, Beatty and Beever) doing the bulk of the throwing. They've all pitched pretty well and done the job we've asked them to."

Rainy weather can make it tough for teams to find consistency on defense, but that hasn't been a problem for

Althoff. "I've been happy with our defense all year," Isaacs said. "In 14 games we've had 17 errors, which is awfully good for high school ball."



DOBBS Cardinals Team of the Week

Division champs

The Roosevelt Red team won the National West Division of the Belleville Parks & Recreation Basketball League with an 8-0 record. Members of the team (from left to right): In front — Scott Paule, Kyle Gregurec, Ryan Harp, Chris Rhein and Lucas Johnson; In back — coach Chuck Luge, Tom Kish, Jon Wade, Andrew Bedwell, Tom Dunn, Brandon Galanti and John Luge. Missing is coach Bob Dunn.

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METRO EAST BASEBALL

Southwestern Conference		
Team	Conf	Overall
Belleville East	6-0	17-0
Lowville	5-1	15-3
Collinsville	4-2	11-3
Griffithville	3-3	8-9
Alton	1-3	4-7
Granite City	1-4	5-6
East St. Louis	0-6	1-6

Mississippi Valley		
Team	Conf	Overall
Highland	3-0	6-4
Triad	1-1	15-1
Macouhatch	1-2	6-7
Waterloo	1-3	6-11
Jonestown	0-3	1-8

Cahokia		
Team	Conf	Overall
Columbia	2-0	11-6
Red Bud	3-1	8-8
Freeburg	3-1	5-10
Dupo	2-1	6-8
Beebe C.	2-2	5-9
Lebanon	1-2	5-9
Carlyle	1-1	5-8
Yreka	0-2	3-10
Marissa	0-3	7-8

South Seven		
Team	Conf	Overall
O'Fallon	3-2	10-2
Cahokia	0-3	2-7

Independents		
Team	Conf	Overall
Althoff	0-0	8-4
Marquette	0-0	12-7
Mater Dei	0-0	6-6
Okawville	0-0	6-6
Roxana	0-0	2-2
Wood River	0-0	4-8
Vandalia	0-0	5-6
M.E. Lutheran	0-0	3-4

METRO EAST SOFTBALL

Southwestern Conference		
Team	Conf	Overall
Belleville West	7-0	17-1
Belleville East	5-1	15-4
Granite City	3-2	5-6
Edwardsville	2-3	9-5
Alton	1-3	5-10
Collinsville	1-3	5-9
East St. Louis	0-4	0-4

Mississippi Valley		
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Gibault	0-0	10-6
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Mater Dei	0-0	5-8
Metro-East	0-0	2-8
Roxana	0-0	2-8
Wood River	0-0	2-12

Luhr sparked run to MVCHA Class A title

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year. That made winning even more special."

Along with offense, Luhr—who recorded nine goals and four assists during his first four games back from the wrist injury—also provided solid team leadership.

rebound goals.

"And he won't back down from anybody. He'll go nose to nose with anyone."

Grubb hopes Luhr will make one improvement for next season.

"One of the things I have a problem with is whenever he comes in on one or two defenders, he won't go to the inside," Grubb said. "He lets people take him to the

"He struck fear in the hearts of the goalie with his size and rocket shot."

Waterloo coach Mike Grubb

"He's a good team leader," Grubb said. "He gets the guys fired up. He'd come to the bench, go down the line and slap high fives with the guys. By the time he was done, they were ready to rock and roll. If we were playing sloppy or fighting on the bench, he'd go chew everybody out. He'd tell them the fight is on the ice. And they'd get out and do it."

Luhr's imposing 6-foot-2, 205-pound frame represents another strength.

"The players out there are afraid of him because of his size," Grubb said. "He struck fear in the hearts of the goalie with his size and rocket shot. He would get in front of the net, he's a horse and no one could move him. People can't get him off his skates. He scored a lot of

outside. With his stick-handling ability and size, he can take people to the inside. But he always goes outside. He always has a bad angle shot. He's still able to bury it most of the time. But he'd be much better off if he took the inside track."

"And he'd be in better position for a rebound shot."

That being said, Grubb was overjoyed with Luhr's output.

"The points were a big thing," Grubb said. "He contributed so much offensively. We really missed him the first three games when he was out with the injury. When he came back to bury it with a big lift. He had an immediate impact. There are no words to describe what he did."

All-Journal Class A hockey

First team

Chad McBride, Waterloo: The freshman led Waterloo in assists (18) and total points (44). McBride also tied teammate Jason Luhr for most goals scored (36).

McBride, 5-foot-6, notched three game-winning goals and was second among MVCHA Class A players in points and assists. He and Luhr tied for second in the league in goals.

"He doubled his production from last year," said Waterloo coach Mike Grubb, whose squad finished 21-3-2 while capturing the Class A MVCHA crown.

"He showed good moves and good skill in the first year. But he really showed his ability this year. He was a real stand-out and one of the premier players in our league. He always hustles. He was all over the ice. He got to every loose puck."

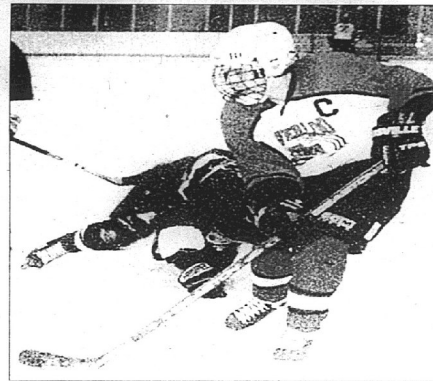
Andy Schlesinger, Freeburg: The sophomore center had 16 goals and 17 assists.

"He was the kind of player who put us over the edge," said Freeburg coach Craig Buntbach. "He came out of the blue because he was basically a roller hockey player, but thanks to him we were able to put together a strong second line. He made the adjustment to ice hockey in two seconds. It was just incredible."

J.R. Jones, Waterloo: The Bulldogs captain had a solid season, posting 15 goals, 16 assists and 31 total points.

Jones, a 5-10 junior, recorded three game-winning goals.

"He's a very good leader," Grubb said. "He coached the younger players and didn't talk



Paul Baillargeon photo

J.R. Jones had three game-winning goals this season.

down to them—he tried to help. That's unusual. He did a good job on the ice. He was always out there for us."

Brian Kniffin, Mascoutah: The defenseman was the second-leading scorer for a team that posted an 8-9-3 regular-season record and then made the MVCHA Class A semifinals.

During the regular season, Kniffin tallied 17 points on 8 goals and nine assists.

In the playoffs, which included

an upset of Freeburg, Kniffin contributed three goals and three assists.

Justin Liefer, Freeburg: The senior defenseman contributed 6 goals and 12 assists for a Blue Rage squad that posted a 19-0-2 regular season record.

"He practiced a bit with Belleville East, so he had been playing pretty hard. I was pretty confident we would go into the best team, and I still think we are. We just didn't show it in the playoffs."

Unlike Anderson, his teammates didn't have the benefit of two years of prep hockey experience. But five of them earned first- or second-team All-Journal honors.

"Guys like Jeremy Gwin and Andy Schlesinger were a big help," Anderson said. "Every line we had played well. The whole team caught on really fast; it was a group effort."

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season, he missed with an injury. He made a difference back there.

"He was our strongest defenseman at moving the puck up the ice and he's strong in front of the net. He's a leader on and off the ice and the players look up to him. They gave him our leadership award."

Chad Burgess, Triad: The defenseman scored 10 points on 4 goals and six assists as the Knights posted a 8-8-4 regular-season record.

Ryan Keck, Freeburg: The junior goaltender had a 1.57 goals-against average with six shutouts. At one point, he had a string of 17 consecutive periods of scoreless hockey.

"Most of that was due to Ryan, but he had a good team in front of him," Buntbach said. "This was his first year of ice hockey, but he was good at getting his body in front of his first shot. He also did a good job of controlling rebounds."

"We'll be losing (defensemen) Justin Liefer and C.J. Rogers, so Ryan will be facing more shots next year. But I expect him to do just as well if not better."

Second team

Dave Rowland, Waterloo.
Josh Burden, Mascoutah.
Adam Gordon, Mascoutah.
Jeremy Exton, Triad.
Joe Schmitt, Triad.
Andy Stchl, Freeburg.
C.J. Rogers, Freeburg.
Eddie Wilson, Waterloo.
Justin McClain, Triad.
Kurt Frederick, Mascoutah.
Eddie Arras, Waterloo.
Danny Songer, Waterloo.

Anderson led Freeburg, Class A in scoring

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players with 50 points (36 goals, 14 assists).

"Justin was the one with the bulk of the experience and he scored over a third of our goals," Buntbach said. "He had an exceptional year and I expect him to be even better as a senior. Next year, I'm looking for him to be stronger on defense since we're losing our top defenseman in Justin Liefer."

"(Anderson) has good hockey smarts and he was a good source of information for me at times this year. He has a real good low shot that's fairly accurate. He beat a lot

of goalies low on the stick side. He's also an exceptional passer."

The only disappointment for Anderson and his teammates came in the postseason. Freeburg posted a 2-1 record in the opening round of the divisional playoffs, losing 3-1 to Mascoutah, which advanced to the semifinals on a tiebreaker. Waterloo went to claim the Class A championship.

"It was a bit of a summer to end the season that way, but it maybe it was designed for us to win next year so we'll be better prepared for the playoffs," Anderson said. "Maybe we'll go into it a little more aggressively. I'm not saying we were overconfident; it's more that we weren't afraid to lose."

"Overall, I'm very satisfied. We had a great season. It was the first year (of hockey) for the school and everybody played really hard. I was pretty confident we would go into the best team, and I still think we are. We just didn't show it in the playoffs."

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The 6-foot, 180-pound Anderson began playing ice hockey as a freshman at Belleville East during the Lancers' inaugural season of 1996-97.

"Experience has helped me a lot. I can read plays better and I know what to do," Anderson said. "I'm more fun to play with. I realize what's happening instead of just going with the flow. Strength is a big part of my game. I'm able to fight for the puck a little bit longer."

"One great thing about Freeburg is all the students and families who came out to our games. They really support our division, but one night we had a record-breaking crowd for all of the MVCHA schools."

Anderson and his Blue Rage teammates are currently playing in a spring league at the U.S. Ice Sports Complex in Fairview Heights. They also hope to play in the Prairie State Games, June 25-27.

"The spring league keeps our endurance up, keeps us in shape and keeps us focused on the game so we don't lose track of what we're trying to accomplish."

Anderson hopes college hockey is in his future.

"I'd like to go to St. Louis U. since it's close to home, so if I end up there, hopefully I can make their (club) team," Anderson said. "I'll probably major in law or something like that, so academics is definitely the big thing for me. But I'd like hockey to be a part of it."

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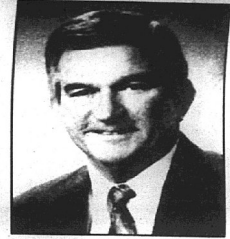
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Heather Mueller isn't sure when she became interested in politics. Perhaps it was when she campaigned for her father when he ran for Maryville village trustee.

SIUE Mueller, 20, a junior at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, will become Student Government president May 1.

Mueller, the daughter of Kurt and Terri Mueller of Maryville, studies business administration and management at SIUE. She graduated from Collinsville High School in 1996.

She did not plan to run for office. In fact, she did not plan to do anything other than study, she said.

"At Collinsville High School, I was involved in many activities," she said. "All I was planning on doing was going to school and not doing anything else."

During Mueller's freshman year at SIUE, a friend persuaded her to join the Alpha Phi sorority. Then, in the spring of '97, she won as a write-in candidate for Student Senate.

Mueller said she was involved in leadership roles before she knew it. She became vice president of her sorority, then president. She was appointed chairwoman of the Student Government finance committee.

"I didn't plan to run for president of the Student Government, but Bill Anderson, the current president, is a good friend, and I saw what he does," she said.

She saw the opportunity to make a difference and improve the school, she said. "Bill's done such a great job," Mueller said. "He's worked on more weekend programs, publicizing them to get more people there, and pretty much expand programs."

SIUE Student Government's current business includes forming a committee to study whether the university should have a football team and opening the Spring Fest to the public, Mueller said.

"I would like to see more concerts and things like that," she said.

Mueller said the most pressing issue for her year in



Curtiss A. Hartley photo
Heather Mueller of Maryville is the new Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville student body president. She takes office in a ceremony Saturday on campus and hopes to focus more on the increasing number of residential students at the school.

office is the transformation of the school from a "commuter campus" to a residential college.

"This has always been a commuter school," Mueller said. "I'll be focusing on campus life initiatives. It's a great school, but because there are more resident students, the school needs to make some changes," she said. "I'd like to get the message out that if you get involved, a lot of things could happen."

"(SIUE is) growing, and they are handling the growth well. There are more opportunities, more degrees. The new engineering building is a good example. I think it's going to be a major part of the metro area for years to come," she said.

Mueller looks forward to addressing new students at SIUE. In her capacity as Student Government president,

she will speak to freshmen at their orientation. She also will take part in a freshman course called University 112.

"It's a class on how to balance scholastics, social life, community service, things like that," Mueller said.

Mueller has been on SIUE's Dean's List. She works at her family's business, Kurt's Carstar Collision Center in Glen Carbon, but plans to quit to devote time to her Student Government position. This summer, she will intern for the Illinois Department of Human Resources.

Mail carrier honored by Red Cross for saving woman's life

By Barbara M. Cope
Staff writer

A mail carrier was honored as the American Red Cross March Lifesaver of the Month for his efforts to pull a woman out of her burning home.

Steve Wolters of Alton was delivering mail in an Edwardsville neighborhood Jan. 13 when he saw Judith Freeman's home at 529 Dewey Ave. in flames. Two young men, Stephen and Michael Russell, were in the back yard at the time, trying to find Freeman.

The front door of the residence was locked, so Wolters broke a rear window to gain access. Stephen Russell then entered the smoke-filled house to locate Freeman.

Russell found Freeman unconscious on the floor a few feet from the back door, and Wolters helped him drag the woman from the burning house. They carried Freeman out onto the lawn while Michael Russell called

for an ambulance.

Wolters administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation until firefighters arrived. After talking to firefighters for a few minutes, he returned to his mail route.

Stephen Russell rode in the ambulance with Freeman to Anderson Hospital in Maryville, where he was treated for smoke inhalation and injuries to his arm. Freeman later was transferred to St. John's Mercy Medical Center in Creve Coeur, Mo.

Wolters was presented with the Lifesaver Award by meteorologist John Fuller of KSDK-TV in St. Louis March 24 during a small ceremony at the Edwardsville Post Office.

Angela Hornaday, spokesperson for the St. Louis Bi-State Chapter of the American Red Cross, said the Russell brothers were not honored in the ceremony simply because Red Cross officials were unable to locate them.

"We couldn't get in contact with the other two people. It was my understanding that they were just visiting for the weekend. We would like to honor them if they could be reached," Hornaday said.

The Russell brothers, who grew up in a house on the same block as Freeman's house, were visiting their parents at the time of the fire.

The Lifesaver Award is sponsored by AT&T, KSDK-TV, the Suburban Journals, Schnucks and Abbott Ambulance. It recognizes individuals who have used rescue skills to save lives.

Anyone who has witnessed a lifesaving act is invited to submit a nomination for the award. Nomination forms are available at area Schnucks stores or by calling the American Red Cross at 465-7704.

Ryan appoints several to area boards

Gov. George H. Ryan has announced the appointment of Chicago businessman Ronald J. Gidwitz as

chairman of the Illinois State Board of Education. Gidwitz replaces retiring Chairman Louis Mervis of Danville. Mervis is retiring after 15 years of service.

Gidwitz, 54, is a partner of CFC Partners, a private investment firm. "Ron Gidwitz shares my belief that Illinois schools should be among the best in the nation when it comes to preparing children and young adults for life and opportunity," Ryan said.

"He is committed to improving the use of technology in our schools, expanding workforce training efforts and making sure that educational opportunities are equal for all children in Illinois. Gidwitz's appointment requires confirmation by the

Illinois Senate. Ryan also appointed Hazel Loucks, 60, of Edwardsville to the Education

Commission of the States. Her term will end Jan. 31, 2001. She is deputy governor for education.

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Edwardsville elementary students raise nearly \$3,000 for cancer

By Dennis Grubaugh
Staff writer

Hats were off to students throughout the Edwardsville School District when a check for \$2,906.78 was donated to help children with cancer. A group of children representing every elementary school and the Middle School, as well as the principals from each, gathered for a ceremony. The check, representing money raised by the young people in a variety of ways, was given to Rick Henry, a board member of Friends of Kids With Cancer. Fund-raising coordinator Barb Hutton, principal at

St. Louis-based Friends group uses the money to supply toys and craft items for children at area radiology/oncology units, while also helping in several other ways.

"It's a group that was started by parents in St. Louis who had children diagnosed with cancer," Hutton said. "They saw a hole that some of their medical needs were being filled, but not the emotional ones."

Friends contacted the district this year about potentially helping, and Superintendent Ed Hightower agreed, Hutton said.

children at treatment centers and homes; occasional lunches for children; televisions and entertainment items purchased for various treatment centers; and a Family Partners Program that matches families of children in bone marrow transplant units with volunteers who help provide emotional support during a child's long stay.

Friends covers the metropolitan region, Hutton said.

Locally, pupils in grades kindergarten through eighth collected money in several ways. Pupils at Woodland



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New Rotarians

Seven new members of the Granite City Rotary Club were inducted during a recent meeting. The new members are, from left, Russ Pace, Sharon Rausch, Wade Dauksch, Bob McMillan, Bruce Mort, Rev. Gary Motta and Jim Engleke. Granite City Rotarian Irv Slate conducted the ceremony.

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Chouteau helping in area cleanup efforts

In conjunction with the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce clean-up campaign, the Chouteau Township Highway Department will assist private property owners in the Mitchell area by picking up hard-to-dispose-of items. "The only exception to these items will be items classified under federal law as 'white goods.'" They include refrigerators, ranges, water heaters, freezers, air conditioners, humidifiers, stoves, clothes dryers, dehumidifiers, ovens, dishwashers, water coolers,

heat pumps, chillers, furnaces, boilers and bathtubs.

In addition to white goods, highway department personnel will not pick up tires, batteries, steel barrels, garbage that is normally picked up by the trash haulers or any form of hazardous wastes.

On July 1, 1994, Section 2228 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Act became effective, which restricts landfill operators from

accepting "white goods."

The annual Stash The Trash cleanup campaign is slated to take place Saturday morning, starting from Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus at 8:30 a.m.

Cleanup efforts will continue throughout the morning, with a wrap-up picnic scheduled to take place at 11:30 a.m.

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Motion pictures have come a long way

You might say motion pictures got started with a sneeze. Audiences chorused "God bless you" when they saw Thomas Edison's grainy, black-and-white film of his employee, Fred Ott, sneezing. Or was it a kiss that really got movies going?

A film short, "The Kiss Between My Irvn and John C. Rice," intrigued many, but one writer found the first celluloid smooch loathsome. "magnified to gargantuan proportions and repeated thrice."

Some credit New York's Latham brothers and their films of boxing matches. Others point to the basement screening room in Paris where the Lumiere brothers first showed that moving images, even silly ones of people falling off horses, could be projected on a screen to draw thousands curious enough to pay a franc.

These pioneers worked their magic in the decade before the 20th century began. But their early efforts were mostly novelties, proofs of laboratory hypotheses, technological tricks.

In 1903, Edwin S. Porter, production head for Edison's Black Maria studio, showed what movies could be. Porter's 12-minute "The Great Train Robbery" carried a story from beginning to end, and filled it with exciting action and clever stunts. The most startling came when an outlaw pointed his six-shooter straight at the audience and fired.

The screen went red, and women swooned. If that scene was the progenitor of what the movies would become, we all know it.

descendants, all the places we've never been and people we've never met but swear we can remember.

Atlantis, as a wall of flames in "God With the Wind." A shower curtain slowly ripping down in "Psycho." The chilling menace of "Jaws" that still keeps some out of the surf.

Smoke that choked us during Normandy beach assaults, from "The Longest Day" to "Saving Private Ryan." The slow-motion bullet hail that finally stopped "Bonnie and Clyde." The

The nails in the dashboard car chases of "Bullitt" and "The French Connection." Anyone who has lived in the 20th century carries a portable library of film images, unreliables so real they sometimes crowd out actual memories.

A grapefruit in the face. A top hat and a ducklike walk. A dance around a rainy lamppost. A rider silhouetted as the sunset fades to black. Let's roll the credits for this art form that is called the greatest of the century. Who produced and directed this spectacle? How did we all hire on as extras?

In 1908, the same year that Edison and other major East Coast producers formed the Motion Picture Patents Co. to protect their inventions, Selig company filmed "The Count of Monte Cristo" in Santa Monica, the first major production away from New Jersey and New York.

Attracted by the nearly year-round sunshine, other producers flooded into Los Angeles, many settling in a sleepy citrus-growing suburb called Hollywood.

During the early silent films,

Whether in a love story like "Titanic" or an adventure like the latest installment of the "Star Wars" epic, Hollywood still relies on its time-tested alchemy: turning bright flickers of light and imagination into gold.

actors were not listed by name. "The Biograph Girl," known only by her studio, became so popular that the public demanded her name, Florence Lawrence. Thus the star system was born.

What was a star? Royalty, statesmen and great authors achieved fame, but they were known only as distant figures. People saw movie stars as entering, comical and daring characters on the screen, and the desire to know more about them became insatiable. The studios were more than pleased to respond.

Disney introduced children by the millions to the magic of movies. That wasn't all, folks. If Disney's cartoons could be strait-laced, Warner Bros. offered saucier and often more sophisticated fare from that "quacky wabbit" Bugs Bunny and his pals, many given voice by Mel Blanc. Later animators didn't even aim first at young children: Witness features like "The Framed Roger Rabbit" and TV series like "The Simpsons."

Mid-century brought a darker tone, too, as a Cold War chill swept through 1950s Hollywood.

Are you now or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party? Those words uttered by Red-hunting congressmen still haunt American filmmaking.

Dozens of writers, directors and actors had joined the Communist Party, some briefly, in the radical 1930s. Some refused to testify and went to prison. Others acknowledged their membership and named names. Anti-communist film leaders, such as Screen Actors Guild President Ronald Reagan, helped supply the FBI with names of suspected party members.

The studios blacklisted suspects, denying them work. The blacklist lasted for 15 years, ruining many lives, and bitterness remains today. Many protested when a special Oscar was given this year to director Elia Kazan, "On the Waterfront," "A Streetcar Named Desire" who had long been shunned by the Hollywood establishment for naming names.

Postwar American filmmakers began to feel creative competition from abroad. The neorealism of Rossellini, Antonioni, De Sica, Fellini and other Italians electrified audiences and critics with their raw studies of the human condition.

Truffaut, Vadim, Godard, Chabrol and other French directors in the late 1950s brought forth the New Wave. Their films were intensely personal, and could deal explicitly with nudity and sex.

In 1968, Jack Valenti, new

head of the producers association, persuaded the company heads to dump the Hays Production Code which had frowned on Mae West's wiggle, outlandish words like "virgin" and initially held up "Gone With the Wind" because of Gable's line, "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn."

Instead, the producers adopted a rating system. A flood of sexy movies ensued. The X-rated "Midnight Cowboy" even won an Academy Award.

Many consider the 1960s and early '70s a golden age for American and British moviemaking. Among

highlights:

"Lawrence of Arabia," "The Manchurian Candidate," "Tom Jones," "Mary Poppins," "A Raisin in the Sun," "The Pawnbroker," "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?," "The Graduate," "A Man for All Seasons," "The Sting," "Two for the Road," "In the Heat of the Night," "2001: A Space Odyssey," "The Lion in Winter," "Planet of the Apes," "They Shoot Horses, Don't They?," "M-A-S-H," "Patton," "The Last Picture Show," "The Godfather," "Soyuzdetfilm," "Deliverance," "American

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Horoscope

Wednesday, April 28
Exciting events are in the air, bringing change for the better. With the moon transiting through the sign of partnership and justice, commitments are kept. Try improving your talents, and your efforts are especially successful this afternoon. Being friendly to every new person you meet can't hurt now, as the right contacts will boost your career.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 28)
This will be a year of surprises! A windfall comes your way in June from a hunch or secret plan. Raises in July are small, so consider another job. A big project reaches completion in August, bringing luck, prestige and promotions a few months down the line. Singles meet love through educational courses — Libra or Taurus love is thrilling. Your lucky numbers are 11, 3, 49 and 31.

ARTIES (March 21-April 19)
You are closing in on your ultimate goal; just stay focused on the path ahead of you. An employer is generous regarding time off and financial bonuses. Work on your self-worth — no one else can make you happy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
A financial bonus allows you to buy what you have always wanted. Spend money on health before luxury. Luck involves a chance meeting. Each moment of a love relationship is a learning experience if you pay close attention.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Your communication skills are critical to office operations. Get to know a love interest better before you declare your love. This person is perfect for you. Pressing business requires you to cancel an appointment this afternoon.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Creative pursuits are lucrative and therapeutic. Finish up a project this weekend, and you have the rest of the day for yourself. Playing peacemaker is exhausting; let family members resolve their own differences.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
It is considered sexy when you take the initiative in romance. In fact, a love interest becomes closer than ever. Encourage family members to keep trying after setbacks. Stick with a current financial plan. You finish up a project.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Concentrate on your career measures now, and you save time and money in the future. Observing tradition can't hurt, but there are better ways of dealing with family members today. Friends deserve the benefit of the doubt.

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One dramatic change brings a much-improved love life. Let the world know just where you stand on a controversial issue. An expensive hobby would be too much of a drain on your resources at the present time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Exhaust every possible resource in the search for employment or a new living space. Be philosophical about a minor setback. Correspondence brings you closer to a relative. A love affair flirts with you constantly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Be alert to what is merely a variation on what theme. Consider the financial implications of the project that has been suggested to you. A lover plays peacemaker. You make your own luck by refining a useful system.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
A daily routine need not stifle your creativity; set boundaries for yourself, and you do your best work. Complete an overdue assignment. A love interest takes you out on the town this

evening.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
A current financial situation calls for a revolutionary approach. You find a new way to invest. Well-meaning colleagues could do more harm than good. Pick up right where you left off with a spouse or lover tonight.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Your multitude of admirers inspires jealousy in a spouse or lover. Check dates and times carefully before making a commitment. Employers offer financial incentives. Take an interest in family history and relationships.

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Musicians bring out unusual instruments

Edwardsville Municipal Band members try to spark students' interest in music

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Staff writer

Kindergarten pupil Alex Hobick became an aficionado of the washboard during a performance Friday by a group of musicians at Zion Lutheran School in Bethalto.

Alex said she might want to take up the washboard some day. "It's funny," she said. "Maybe that is because one of the teachers, Sandra Ballsters, was drafted to play along with the group, members of Musicians Local 98, who were at the school trying to spark the

children's interest in music.

The local represents members of the Edwardsville Municipal Band, of which all the musicians who performed at Zion Lutheran are members.

The leaders of the group did not say whether washboard is one of the instruments they had in mind when they explained the purpose of their visit.

Neither was garden hose an instrument that comes to mind, but there was a demonstration of the garden hose, along with the more standard variety flute, piccolo, clarinet, tuba, trumpet and trombone.

"We want to demonstrate the instruments

and try to interest students in playing," said Marion Strohmman, a trombone player.

The group devotes one week each year to visiting schools, demonstrating instruments and the ways they produce sound.

The garden hose was used by tuba player Lyman "Zeke" Holden.

He said the hose, along with a funnel and a mouthpiece, can produce a sound by buzzing the lips and blowing into a column of air.

The hose, however, produces only a few notes because it lacks valves, which help produce finer gradations of tone.

The same is true of the difference between a bugle and trumpet, trumpet player Mike

Connell said.

Other players in the group were Lael Strohmman on flute and piccolo, Forrest Taylor on clarinet, and Butch Mestermacher on baritone and trombone.

Each musician demonstrated one or two instruments and explained some of the musical principles that make the sounds. The longer the column of air in a pop bottle, the lower the tone, Lael Strohmman explained.

"It stretches the sound," one student said. The same applies to a flute or piccolo, Strohmman said.

Each demonstration was followed by a musical number.

Art competition open to high school students

High school students are invited to participate in the 18th Annual Congressional Arts Competition, titled "Artistic Discovery."

Artwork must be two-dimensional and not larger than 32 inches by 32 inches framed. Eligible works include oil, acrylic and watercolor paintings;

drawings; collages; lithographs; silk screenings; monotypes; woodcuts and intaglio method.

Entries must be received in U.S. Rep. John Shimkus' office by May 13. More information, entry forms and a Student Information/Release Form are available through

Shimkus' office by calling Jennifer Puhler at (217) 492-5090.

An outside jury will conduct the actual competition. The local winner's work will hang in the tunnel between the Cannon House Office Building and the Capitol Building for one year.

Motion pictures have come a long way

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Graffiti," "Nashville," "Taxi Driver," "Star Wars," "Alien," "Raging Bull," "The Deer Hunter" and "Apocalypse Now."

In 1969, as teen-age Baby Boomers experimented with drugs and sexual liberation and staged campus protests against the war in Vietnam, "Easy Rider" portrayed the counterculture — through a pair of hippie bikers on the road — and showed it could be profitable. The movie, directed by Dennis Hopper and produced by Peter Fonda, cost less than \$400,000 and grossed \$40 million worldwide.

Studio bosses decided there was a youth market out there, and a new generation of actors, writers and directors emerged to revitalize movies for this audience.

Steven Spielberg and George Lucas stood out. With "Jaws" (1975), Spielberg began his string of blockbusters. "Star Wars" (1977) established Lucas' genius for applying special effects to adventure. Together they created the hugely successful Indiana Jones trilogy.

As Hollywood's century wound down, industry economics shifted again.

Some major studios struggled. MGM, which once boasted "more stars than there are in the heavens," sold its historic Culver-City lot as it tried to survive. Nearly defunct, United Artists folded into the newly diminished MGM.

Other studios were snapped up by international corporations. Japan's Matsushita bought MCA/Universal and later sold it to the Seagram Co. Sony acquired Columbia and Tri-Star Pictures. Viacom absorbed Paramount, and Warner Bros. merged with Time Inc. Publisher Rupert Murdoch took over 20th Century Fox.

Expenses keep climbing. The average production cost of a movie today is \$85 million. On the revenue side, videocassette sales now add millions, along with ticket sales abroad. "Titanic" alone earned \$1 billion, though that box office reflected some adolescent girls' dozen or more trips to see Leonardo DiCaprio.

Whether in a love story like "Titanic" or an adventure like the latest installment of the "Star Wars" epic, a "prequel" that uses cutting-edge technology to recast the cliffhangers of early filmmaking, Hollywood still relies on its time-tested alchemy: turning bright flickers of light and imagination into gold.

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Missouri teens take flight through Young Eagles program

By Mary Shapiro
Staff writer

Some local pilots are playing Peter Pan for area youths, proclaiming with confidence, "You can fly."

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The Experimental Aircraft Association's "Young Eagles" program has provided thousands of young people with their first flights in small aircraft.

The intent is to cultivate interest in aviation among children ages 8 through 17, and Chris Erkmann, 44, both of Chesterfield.

Nelson and Erkmann are members of the local chapter of EAA, based at Spirit of St. Louis Airport, 1870 Edison Ave. in Chesterfield.

To awaken a new generation to the wonders of flying, thousands of EAA pilots around the world are donating their time and aircraft to Young Eagles, which began in July 1992.

The program's goal is to give a million youth people a free demonstration flight by December 2003 — the 100th anniversary of powered flight and the 50th anniversary of the EAA.

"By last month, EAA pilots at more than 1,000 chapters worldwide had flown about 464,000 kids," Nelson said. "Our St. Louis area chapter members alone have flown more than 2,100."

Each participant receives a special certificate signed by the pilot, marking the child's "Eagle Flight."

The names of the pilots and the young people are included in the World's Biggest Logbook, on permanent display at the EAA Air Adventure Museum in Oshkosh, Wis.

On a recent chilly, overcast Saturday at Spirit of St. Louis Airport, six teens — members of the Youth Organization of Chinese-Americans — got to see the clouds up close and personal, thanks to Nelson and Erkmann.

Nelson, who has flown more than 130 children since 1993, and Erkmann, who has taken about 40 kids up since about 1994, took three teens in their four-seater, single-engine planes — a Piper Cherokee and a Cessna 182, respectively. Nelson is retired after working for 40 years with a TWA grounds crew. He said he fell in love with planes as a child.

Journal aid to remembering bad dreams

By Cathy Pezold
Staff writer

Dreaming is a common phenomena shared by all people, but not everyone can readily recall what goes on while catching 40 winks.

Ernie Padilla, director of the Webster Groves School of Metaphysics, said everyone dreams and offers some advice on how people can increase dream memory.

"Everyone has dreams every night," he said. "People just need to practice remembering."

Padilla said the best way people can train their minds to remember what they're dreaming is by keeping a dream journal. He suggests buying a journal specifically for writing down dreams.

"Make it something special," he said. "Then your mind will be more in tune to it. Every night before you go to bed, at the top of the page write the next day and the date."

Padilla said then dreamers should think about the next morning's routine and visualize waking up and writing in a dream journal.

"This prepares the conscience and communicates to yourself that you want to remember your dream," he said.

Padilla said remembering dreams on a regular basis may take some time, but dreamers should remain committed.

"When you wake up, write down whatever it is you're thinking about," he said. "Anything you remember about a dream, even if it's just one word or one image, write it down and eventually you'll find you're remembering more and more."

"I'm from Chicago, and as soon as I was old enough to ride a bike, I'd ride over to small airports and hang on the fence, watching planes taking off and landing," Nelson said. "I started building model planes when I was 7," he said. "I love the idea of getting kids interested in aviation."

Erkmann, who works as an anesthesiologist, started flying in 1973 as a high school senior.

"I got a kick out of the response of kids to Young Eagles," said Erkmann, who also is a flight instructor. "There is a lack of understanding of general aviation," he said. "Flying is safe. I'm much more scared driving on Clarkson Road."

Before the teens' 20-minute flights, Nelson and Erkmann explained the safe operation of aircraft and double-checked

their equipment.

Erkmann shepherded students around his plane "to see there's no oil leaking or that no birds have built a nest anywhere." He then offered some advice.

"Now, passengers are often concerned about their reaction to turbulence," Erkmann told the youths. "I've found that your stomach is less upset if you take your shoes off."

The passengers climbed in

barefoot.

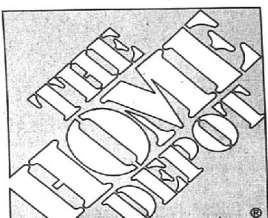
When airborne, the lucky kid in the right front seat of each plane took the controls and flew the aircraft, under the pilot's guidance.

"We got to see all kinds of little people and buildings, like on a Monopoly board," said Joanna Fan, 14, of Manchester.

"Your point of view is what a bird can see."

Peter Cheng, 18, of Manchester, was impressed. "Seeing the world at 130 mph is a blast," he said. "I wish my car could go that fast."

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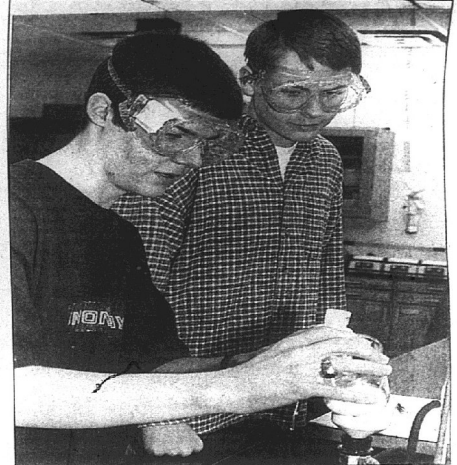
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Chemistry lesson

Eighty-two chemistry students from Triad High School visited Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus science labs and Industrial Training Center recently, making aspirin and testing minerals. Above left, Triad juniors Dana Schneider, 17, of Marine, from left, and Erica Robinson and Lisa Skaggs, both 16 and from Troy, mix the aspirin they created. Above right, senior Scott Dour, left, and junior Tim Nehrt, 17, both 17 and of Troy, filter theirs.



Linda Gass Burgess photos

Above, juniors Chrissy Swift, 17, left, and Joe DeWeese, 16, both of Troy, and, at right, 17-year-old twins, Heidi, left, and Heather Lobb, seniors from Troy, also filter aspirin. In addition to conducting chemistry and earth science laboratory experiments, the visiting Triad High School students had the opportunity to experience a collegiate atmosphere.



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Edwardsville District students raise money for cancer

By Dennis Grubaugh
Staff writer

Hats were off to students

throughout the Edwardsville School District when a check for \$2,906.78 was donated last week to help children with cancer.

A group of children representing every elementary school and the Middle School, as well as the principals from each, gathered for a ceremony. The check, representing money raised by the young people in a variety of ways, was given to Rick Henry, a board member of Friends of Kids With Cancer.

Fund-raising coordinator Barb Hutton, principal at Hamel and Midway elementary schools, said the St. Louis-based Friends group uses the money to supply toys and craft items for children at area radiology/oncology units, while also helping in several

other ways.

"It's a group that was started by parents in St. Louis who had children diagnosed with cancer," Hutton said.

Friends contacted the district this year about potentially helping, and Superintendent Ed Hightower agreed, Hutton said.

Pupils at Woodland and Columbus also held Beanie Baby raffles. At the Middle School, change jars were placed in the cafeteria, and there was a McDonald's night where children busied tables, with 20 percent of the cost of each meal going toward the collections.

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Helping battered women

A \$2,000 donation was recently presented by the Venice Social Club of Pontoon Beach to the Phoenix Crisis Center, a battered women's shelter in Granite City. Secretary Marilyn McBride, left, presents the donation to center director Carol Chiappa-Burgess.

Beans a nutritional way to supplement healthy diets

What's high in fiber, low in fat and cholesterol and packed with vitamins, minerals and protein? The answer is beans, of course.

Once considered the "poor man's meat," they have undergone a renaissance of popularity, thanks to health-conscious consumers

who enjoy this economical source of versatile and delicious nutrition. In fact, food writers named dry beans one of the "Top Ten Foods of the Nineties."

Dry beans are now often referred to as gourmet preventative medicine. Research has shown that beans

have a cholesterol-lowering effect. In one study, patients fed a daily diet that contained about 1 cup of cooked beans, total cholesterol fell 19 percent and LDL-cholesterol, the bad cholesterol, fell 24 percent after only three weeks.

Frandsen: Bathon needs to resign his post now

Treasurer again denies wrongdoing, fires back

By Paul Mackie
Staff writer

Madison County Auditor H. Jack Frandsen asked Thursday for two things: A reimbursement for furniture taken from his office.

And the resignation of Treasurer Fred Bathon. The two continued their long-running feud during a Madison County Board Finance Committee meeting.

Bathon said he wants the issue of his furniture transfers from the auditor's office — which he formerly held — to the treasurer's office to come to an end.

"The whole process has been a witch hunt from the beginning. My staff would like closure. Charge (the furniture and equipment) to the treasurer's office if they would like to do that," Bathon said.

Frandsen asked the Finance Committee to reimburse his office for the more than \$12,000 in furniture and equipment an independent auditing firm could not locate.

"I think he ought to resign," Frandsen said about Bathon. "He's a malignant tumor to the taxpayers."

Bathon replied, "I wouldn't expect anything

else from Mr. Frandsen. He needs to look in the mirror. He is a gentleman who increased his pension in excess of (\$44,000) in one day by changing his job."

During a heated Finance Committee meeting, board members scolded Bathon for the way he transferred the furniture.

You don't have any authority to do something like that," said Don Rea, D-Granite City. "The County Board runs the county. There are a lot of good people wasting their time on this trash."

Alan Dunstan, D-Troy, said: "You pulled a fast one. Why didn't you wait until the new auditor came in? You used the auditor's money to buy (items) for the treasurer's office."

Bathon explained that he became treasurer Dec. 1 after being elected in November. At that time, he vacated his auditor position.

Frandsen was not appointed to fill the post until Dec. 7. Bathon said there was nobody in the auditor's office to ask about the transfers, adding that he replaced all removed items, one for one.

"Maybe there were errors done on my part, but let's get it done," Bathon told the committee, adding he

doesn't believe there is any policy in place for the transfer of such county property.

The Finance Committee is expected to make a decision about the matter at its next meeting Thursday afternoon. "Transferring money from one budget to another is a County Board action," County Administrator James Monday said.

"I would say there will be an adjustment (of the funds) somehow," Dunstan said. "We need to get that money back in the auditor's office because it (the furniture) was bought with the intent of moving it to the treasurer's office."

Bathon and one of his secretaries said such items as executive chairs and couches were the ones the staff was comfortable with and had purchased out of the office's fund.

After the meeting, Frandsen said he expects Bathon's troubles to continue once the Illinois State Police complete their findings in an investigation regarding allegations that Bathon accepted illegal payments from his employees while he was auditor.

"This (meeting) is just the tip of the iceberg," Frandsen said. "There will be more forthcoming."

Stay in the market for long-term money growth

The stock market has enjoyed amazing growth in the past decade, but there are still those who stay away from stocks for fear of losing money.

If this describes you, perhaps a few facts will help you understand the value of stock investing.

There are no guarantees with stock investments, but history has shown that the odds are in your favor.

Consider the track record of the Standard and Poor's 500 Index from 1937 through the end of 1997, a 61-year period.

The index achieved gains in 46 of those years, with losses in only 15 — that's better than 3-to-1 odds. And the index's average annual compound



Jeff Prosser

return over those 61 years was more than 11.5 percent. Sure, the stock market experiences declines. Just last year, the Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 19 percent from July to August. The previous bear market occurred in 1990, when the Dow lost more than 21 percent.

But there are bigger risks in

not being invested. To illustrate, consider the 20-year period from year-end 1977 to year-end 1997. A hypothetical \$1 invested in the S&P 500 for the entire period would have grown to \$21.75, assuming reinvestment of all income.

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Getting out may seem like a good option at times, but the

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Jeff Prosser is an investment professional with the Granite City office of St. Louis-based brokerage firm Edward Jones.

Reconstruction work on Illinois 111 nearly completed

By Darryl Howlett
Staff writer

Motorists traveling on Illinois 111 in the Pontoon Beach area may have noticed that the reconstruction of the road is almost completed.

The Illinois Department of Transportation said the \$1.4 million project is on schedule to be completed by July 4. The project started in October 1997.

IDOT is converting the former two-lane road to four lanes north of Chain of Rocks Road and south of Old Post Road. The conversion is to accommodate semi-trailer trucks using the entrance into

the Dial Corp. distribution warehouse.

"The two northbound lanes opened up (recently)," said Cindy Travis Mueller, a supervising field engineer in construction with IDOT.

"We're currently working on constructing the median that goes between the two lanes. Contractors are also resurfacing the southbound lanes and placing another level of asphalt on the lanes."

Mueller said the project has gone smoothly considering the amount of truck traffic during construction.

"We previously asphalted the entrance to the company in the

southbound lane," she said.

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World War II re-enactors have very simple goal

Remember the past, participants say

By Glen Sparks
Staff writer

Simulated gunfire crackles through Jefferson Barracks Park.

Rifle-toting soldiers inch along on the grass. Here comes an M-3 armored scout car, vintage 1942.

The scene gets louder. The rat-a-tat from pretend machine-gun fire continues. Soldiers drop, still. Medics race to help.

A 1943 Jeep and a half-track, boasting a 40mm anti-aircraft gun and 50-caliber machine guns, blaze into battle.

After a 30-minute skirmish, the German soldiers surrender to U.S. troops — as usual — and then both sides share war stories, stories remembered from talking to veterans, reading books and watching television documentaries.

Almost all the re-enactors during the annual World War II Weekend at J.B. Park are in their 20s and 30s.

For them, the accounts of soldiers landing at Omaha Beach, battling the Germans at the frigid Battle of the Bulge or the Japanese in the hot jungles of the Pacific remain the stuff of legend.

Re-enacting is not just about dressing in old soldier uniforms, lugging around polished M-1 rifles and displaying antique war memorabilia.

Rather, Rick DeClue explains, these simulated battles honor the 15.5 million

U.S. servicemen from World War II and the 320,000 who died during history's bloodiest conflict.

"These guys don't want to be forgotten," says DeClue, a Kirkwood resident and longtime re-enactor. "What they did was special, and it shouldn't be forgotten."

Anthony Niece of Lemay says, "I do it for the veterans. My grandfather served in the Navy in World War II, and his stories always fascinated me."

Niece wears a uniform from the 82nd Airborne, which included some of the war's most famed soldiers.

Just after midnight on June 6, 1944, paratroopers from the 82nd landed along the northern coast of France, hours ahead of hundreds of thousands of Allied soldiers. (A sign near the camp proclaims the 82nd as "First in France.")

"What some of the veterans did is just amazing," Niece says. Re-enactors wearing uniforms of the Second Ranger Battalion make camp near the 82nd. This is another famed group. In the

early morning of June 6, Rangers scaled the high cliffs of Pointe Du Hoc, dodging a barrage of German gunfire.

David Pateline is a grunt. At least the Edwardsville resident plays one in the Second Ranger camp.

Overnight, he slept in a two-man tent more suited for a soldier and a half. Hardship produces

understanding.

"It gives you an idea of what these guys went through," he says.

Some of the stuff in this camp does date to the 1930s and '40s. Re-enactors bring authentic canteens, helmets, K-ration packages, tents, medals and walkie-talkies.

"Yes, it's very important to be authentic because the veterans can spot something right away that isn't just right," DeClue says.

Uniforms tend to be reproductions. An authentic uniform from the war can cost \$2,000.

One of the most regal-looking soldiers at this re-enactment is Roy Lynch. A sergeant during the war, he has been promoted to "major" for re-enactments.

He lends an authentic presence to these faux battles.

As part of the U.S. Army's Second Armored Division, he drove tanks across North Africa and through Europe, halting Adolf Hitler's Third Reich.

"Three years over there," he says. "It was terrible. About a decade ago at the park, he spotted a Jeep with a familiar serial number."

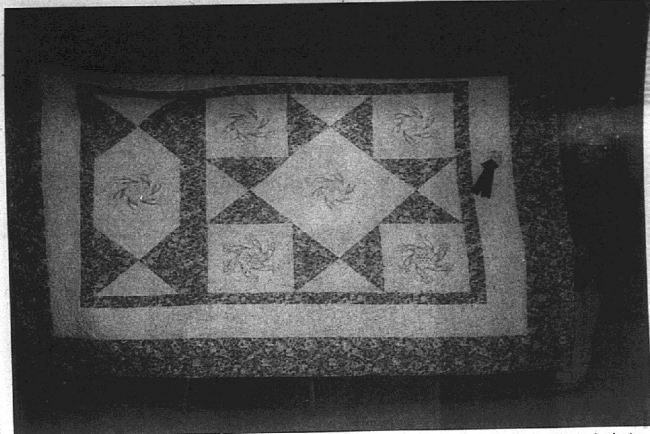
"I looked at that number and I said, 'This is from my outfit, this is from my outfit,'" said Lynch, a south St. Louis resident. "I couldn't get over it."

The re-enactors said please, he a part of this, and Lynch agreed. One re-enactor even donated a uniform.

"They said I make a good-looking major," he says. During battles, Lynch orders a hot dog and watches the action from a park bench.

"I'm too old for that stuff," he says.

The engagements run according to a script of sorts. Before the shooting starts, leaders from each side agree to a particular scenario.



Quilter extraordinaire

Mary Juhasz of Granite City was held the big winner at the recent Highland Historical Society Quilt Show. Mrs. Juhasz won both the first and second place awards. The first-place winner, which is shown, was embroidered blocks set together with a complementary print and quilted by the Jolly Quilters of Mitchell.

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Collinsville twins convention proves blessings come in pairs

82 sets attend conclave at Gateway Center

By Alene Hill
Correspondent

To the casual observer, Pam and Pat Cook are indistinguishable from one another.

The 49-year-old identical twins have almost as much in common with their grandmother as they do with each other. The pair was born on her birthday and she, too, was a twin.

The Cook twins, who were raised in Collinsville, are now next-door neighbors in Edwardsville. They share the same shade of auburn hair, the same warm smile and careers in the same field.

Pam Cook is a vocations coordinator and business department chairwoman at Lewis and Clark Community College. She works a lot with computers. Pat Cook is a systems specialist for Boeing.

Even their prescription glasses — both the strengths and the frames — are the same.

"We are mirror twins," Pat said about the observable differences. "She's left-handed and I'm right-handed."

The Cooks were among 82 sets of twins and their families from all over the state who attended the 35th Annual Illinois State Twins Convention Sunday at the Collinsville Holiday Inn.

"This is actually a slightly smaller crowd than we usually have at our annual meeting," said Micki Bratton, co-secretary/treasurer of the group. She attended with her twin brother, Marty McCorkle.

"We currently have 310 sets of twins on our mailing list," Most of the twins in the organization are identical, Bratton said. But some twins, like Jonathan and Jennifer Donze of O'Fallon, are fraternal twins.

Identical twins originate from a single fertilized egg and share half of the same genetic material. Fraternal, or nonidentical, twins result from two separate eggs. They share no more genetic material than other siblings.

The Donze twins won this year's prize for the "most unlikely." Even so, they do have some similarities.

"We never looked alike," Jonathan Donze said. "But we share the same birthday and I know what she's thinking sometimes."

"We also help each other out," Jennifer Donze added. Miriah and Merissa Burton, 4, of Danville come from a long line of twins. They are just one set of six in their family now. The twin girls attended the meeting with their 19-year-old identical cousins, Dwayne and Dennis Terrell.

"Miriah and Merissa not only look nothing alike, they don't act alike," said their mother, Donette Burton. "But they are still very close."

Although both identical and fraternal twins can run in families, Burton said the common belief that twins skip a generation is not necessarily the way it works.

"I was four months pregnant very high I would have twins," she said. "We've had 36 sets of twins back as far as we have researched, and they have never skipped a generation."

Kevin Antoff of Edwardsville is an identical twin and also has identical twin sisters. He had a feeling before his wife, Bobbi, went to the doctor that they would soon be the parents of twins.

"I had a premonition before she went to the doctor and I told her we needed to discuss the possibility of twins," Antoff said. "Since then I have heard other parents of twins say they had the same feeling."

It was an accurate vision. Bobbi Antoff gave birth to twin boys, Dylan and Dustin, who now are age 4.

Luckily, families with a history of twins are quick to rally around new parents. "We had lots of help," Kevin Antoff said. "Everyone pitched in."

Beyond the common mixing up of names that most identical twins experience, identical and fraternal twins agreed there are definite advantages.

"You end up with a large circle of friends, and you always have your best friend with you on vacation or on the first day of school," Pat Cook said.

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Larry Sutton and Charlotte Shaw, both of Highland.

Michael Swarrington and Kimberly Nagel, both of Dorsey.

Dennis Ventimiglia Jr. and Aranda Kirkpatrick, both of Hartford.

Perry Walters of Granite City and Joni Smith of Pontoon Beach.

Darren Watt and Meghan Widenhoefer, both of Alton.

Roy Williams and Vicki Searles, both of Alton.

Stanley Wojcik of Glen Carbon and Toni Barr of Edwardsville.

Michael Wright and Martha Paredes, both of East Alton.

Richard Acton of Lebanon and Dawn Clark of Granite City.

Matthew Affolter of Granite City and Tonya Uherick of Madison.

Michael Alberico of Wilbrook and Bridget O'Hara of Collinsville.

Stephen Bone of Maryville and Rebecca Armistead of Collinsville.

Joshua Brown and Melissa Carach, both of Granite City.

Kelly Cox and Felisha Walker, both of Collinsville.

Jon Demers of Collinsville and Claire Norris of Granite City.

Robert Eason and Darla Eason, both of Granite City.

Harry Ely and Janel Barton, both of Edwardsville.

Elgin Fisher Jr. and Sherri Bailey, both of Granite City.

Le Roy Fryer III and Jessica Simpson, both of Granite City.

Kevin Harris Jr. and Misti Webb, both of Glen Carbon.

Jerry Hodson and Rose Tsuneo, both of Granite City.

Kenneth Holiday and Jennifer Liss, both of Granite City.

Bradley Hall and Crystal Wright, both of Granite City.

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Tony Jones of Caseyville and Jennifer Brummitt of Highland.

Walter King of St. Charles, Mo., and Gynger Vaughan of Troy.

James Lattin Jr. of Florissant, Mo., and Tausiha Noble of Cahokia.

Eric Ludvigsen and Jeana Christopher, both of Collinsville.

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Richard Sinclair III and Shannon Sandy, both of O'Fallon.

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Lucas Wildcat of Parkhill, Okla., and Leah Kinsey of Worden.

Derek Wolfe and Olivia Askew, both of Granite City.

Aaron Wright of Collinsville and Sara Shaw of Belleville.



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95 years

Ralph Gray, a former paymaster at the old General Steel plant in Granite City, recently celebrated his 95th birthday with a celebration at his home. Marking the occasion with Gray was his wife, Mary.

Wood River toddler's death probed by ISP

By Dennis Grubaugh
Staff writer

The death of a Wood River toddler who was found through post-mortem tests to have been sexually abused is under investigation by state and local authorities.

A search warrant was executed Friday for police to obtain a blood sample from a man who was with the 27-month-old girl the night before she died. The man is a boyfriend of the girl's mother, according to the search warrant.

The man is 29 years old and most recently has lived at addresses in Alton and Bethalto, records show. He has not been charged in the case.

The investigation is being handled by the Illinois State Police. Investigators from that agency and from the Wood River Police Department could not be reached for comment late Friday.

A spokesman for the Madison County Coroner's Office confirmed an investigation was being conducted.

"We can confirm this department investigated the death, and we are aware of an ongoing investigation (by authorities), but we're not in a position to say anything about it," Chief Deputy Coroner Ralph Baahmann Jr. said Friday evening.

He said no inquest has been held into the cause of death. According to the search warrant, the child was pronounced dead at 2:22 a.m. Dec. 6 at Wood River Township Hospital, where she had been taken about 1:30 a.m. after she had stopped breathing at her home in the 800 block of Hallman Avenue.

An autopsy conducted Dec. 7 by Dr. Raj Nanduri, a coroner's pathologist, revealed that the girl had been sexually assaulted, the search warrant said. The warrant makes no mention of other injuries.

SIU service center shelved

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Staff writer

The Shared Service Center, part of a plan to cut costs and improve efficiency at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, will not be decided on in the near future, SIU President Ted Sanders said.

"I won't recommend on the Shared Service Center until after the Oracle software program is on-line," he said last week.

The system, which is expected to greatly improve purchasing and payroll functions, will go on-line July 1. It may take some time before the system is operating correctly, Sanders said.

Oracle will work with the Shared Service Center, which is planned as a centralized location for purchasing and paying the bills.

The Shared Service Center idea is among several recommended by Arthur Andersen and Co. to improve efficiency of SIU's schools.

Testing of the evidence took several months. Detective William Wheeler of the Wood River Police Department received a call April 16 from the Illinois State Police Crime Lab in Chicago indicating a sample taken from the child's body contained semen, the search warrant said.

It was at that point that Wheeler asked the State Police for assistance in the investigation, the warrant indicates.

The girl's mother told the police department and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services that she and her boyfriend had been with the girl the evening before her death, the warrant said.

The search warrant was authorized Thursday morning by Circuit Judge Charles V. Roman Jr. and executed Friday by State Police special agent Byron Workman.

Documents filed in Madison County Circuit Court indicate the mother of the child had sought an emergency order of protection against the boyfriend in October because of what she claimed was an abusive relationship that she was trying to sever.

The protection order was granted, but the mother voluntarily sought dismissal of it Dec. 2, two days after the child's death, records show.

According to court documents, the dismissal was granted to allow the boyfriend to attend the girl's visitation and funeral.

According to the dismissal petition, the mother said her boyfriend was with her on the early morning when her daughter "got sick and passed away. (He) was with me and tried to save my little girl when she stopped breathing. (He) performed CPR on her."

The kinds of activity that have evolved in these clubs will not be tolerated."

Haida said that activity included touching of the dancers' breasts or genitals by patrons — or by other dancers.

The South Tactical Response Team, St. Clair County's Sheriff Department, the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwest Illinois and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms also participated in the operation with a total of 33 officers and 16

Washington Park strip clubs raided; 31 arrested

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

The managers of four topless nightclubs in Washington Park, one of the owners and 26 others were arrested Tuesday night during an undercover operation led by the Illinois State Police.

Capt. Diana Sievers, ISP District 11 commander, said the 31 people were each charged with obscenity based on illegal contact between employees or between employees and patrons at Miss Kitty's, the Jewel Box, C-Move Showplace and Dollie's Topless Bar, all on or around Bunkum Place or Forest Park Boulevard.

Sievers said that the dancing and even that the dancers are topless is legal. Some actions authorities witnessed Thursday night were not, she said.

"When it gets to the point of there being contact between a dancer and a patron in a sexual manner, that's where it goes over the line," Sievers said.

St. Clair County State's Attorney Robert Haida said the obscenity charge is a Class A misdemeanor for a first offense. A second or subsequent offense is a felony.

Haida, whose office was part of the operation, said complaints from Washington Park residents prompted the sting.

"This is not casual contact," Haida said, "it goes well beyond that. If this were merely topless entertainment, Bob Haida wouldn't be saying there are violations."

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Haida said that activity included touching of the dancers' breasts or genitals by patrons — or by other dancers.

The South Tactical Response Team, St. Clair County's Sheriff Department, the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwest Illinois and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms also participated in the operation with a total of 33 officers and 16

investigators.

"This may not seem like a big thing to most people," Sievers said, "We have all these Washington Park citizens who are trying to rebuild and revitalize their community. This is an important issue to them."

The owner of Miss Kitty's, Gail Allen, 44, of Duplo, and the club's manager, Humphrey Sanders, 32, of St. Ann, Mo., were charged with obscenity, as were five other employees or patrons.

They were: Kimberly A. Odum, 28, of Nashville; Diane Haukapp, 25, of Belleville; Roger Davenport, 48, of Carlyle; Patrick S. Erwin, 32, of New Athens; and Romona R. Smith, 29.

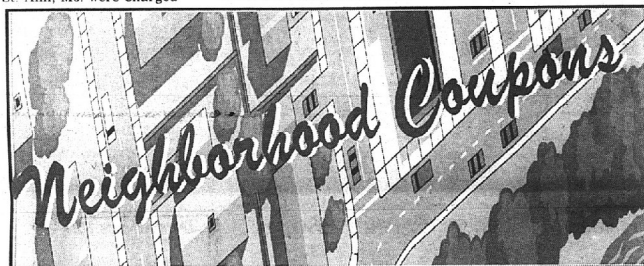
At C-Move Showplace, manager Willie E. Jackson, 38, of Washington Park was among six charged. Others were: Miranda G. Jackson,

23, of Cahokia; Kathryn N. Buick, 19, of St. Charles, Mo.; Jacqueline R. Jones, 22, and Bobbie J. Best, both of East St. Louis; and Robert R. Soellner, 33, of St. Louis.

Charged at the Jewel Box were manager Kevin Dees, 27, Amanda M. Tyra, 28, and Melanie Henke, all of Belleville; Elizabeth Wagner, 27, of Wood River; Devon Gallop, 20,

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TOPS 1899, (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) will meet at 6:45 p.m. every Tuesday at the Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St.; call 707-2724 for more information. Men and women are welcome to attend.

TOPS 645, 7 p.m. every Monday, Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St., Granite City, 452-6102. Men and women welcome.

MADISON COUNTY URBAN LEAGUE HEALTH CARE SERVICES offers the following each week at 600 Madison Ave. in Madison: Walk-in pregnancy testing and prescription refills, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays; family planning services, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays; STD screening and treatment, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays; and family planning services, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursdays. Call 452-5394 for appointments or more information.

Organizations

MADISON COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP meets at 7 p.m. every Wednesday. For more information, call Dan at 452-2336 or Diane at 876-1300.

EAGLES AUXILIARY 1128 BINGO takes place every Sunday afternoon at the Nameoki Bingo Center. Early bird game begins at 1 p.m., with 22 games, two color raffles, pulltabs, speedballs, computers and bonuses.

GRANITE CITY COMMUNITY BAND rehearsals take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m. every Thursday at St. John United Church of Christ, 2901 Nameoki Road, Granite City, 931-0443.

MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA Life Insurance Society meets at 5 p.m. the last Thursday of each month at Ravelli's Restaurant.

GRANITE CITY KIWANIS CLUB meets at 7:30 a.m. every Tuesday at Shoney's on Nameoki Road.

THE JOLLY QUILTERS meet from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., every Thursday at the Social Center, 906 Thorngate Drive in Mitchell.

EAGLE PARK ACRE SENIORS OF MADISON meets from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday at 100 Hill St. (rear), Eagle Park Acres, Madison. **FRIDAY AFTERNOON PINOCCHLE CLUB** for seniors 55 and over meets at 12 p.m. every Friday at the Harold Brown Recreation Center, Franklin Avenue and Pontoon Road. Call 877-0350 for more information.

SINGLES CONNECTION, Thursday, April 29: Lets try an after-work happy hour at Chevy's Fresh Mex, 1305 Central Park Drive, O'Fallon, from 5 to 7 p.m. They have half-price appetizers and drink specials. Call Sheri M. at 568-3296 for more information. **Friday, April 30**: Meet at the American Legion post in Collinsville from 7 p.m. We will enjoy some delicious outback and good company. Call Lee H. at 654-0553.

Seniors

PONTON BEACH SENIOR CITIZENS BINGO takes place at 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, 3910 Highway 111, Ponton Beach.

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Support Groups

THE CHURCH OUTREACH INC. meets 7 to 9 p.m. every Wednesday night at True Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, 1641 Third St. in Madison. The church is an outreach program designed to support the community in the struggle with drug control. All meetings are confidential. For more information, call 877-TRUE.

RIVERS OF WATER WORSHIP CENTER SUPPORT GROUP meets 9:30 to 11 a.m. the first and third Saturdays of each month at 1307 Madison Ave., Madison, to comfort and

restore. Group membership is open to all who are "broken" at no cost. Worship service will follow each third Saturday at 11:30 a.m. For more information, call 341-3643 or 656-7831.

THE COHEARTS (Commitment of Healing Emotions and Recovery Through Support) Survivors of Suicide Support Team) is open for anyone who has lost a friend or loved one due to suicide. The group keeps all information confidential and allows you to express your thoughts and feelings openly. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Behavioral Health Alternatives Inc., 337 E. Ferguson in Wood River. For more information, call 251-4073.

THE CIRCLE OF HOPE, a 12-step healing program for anyone whose life is affected by HIV infection, meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the King's House on North 66th Street in Belleville. For more information, call 234-0291.

PULMONARY SUPPORT GROUP, for persons with diagnosed lung conditions, meets from 11 a.m. to noon Wednesdays in 4-Doctors Solarium, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3019.

AL-ANON ADULT CHILDREN meets at 7 p.m. every Wednesday at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave., in Kettler Center Conference Room A. Call 463-2428 for more information.

AL-ANON, 7 p.m. Thursdays, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave., in Kettler Center Day Care, room C. Call 463-2429.

AL-ANON, 9:30 a.m. Mondays, 2116 Edison (side door) in Granite City. Call 463-2429.

AL-ANON, 8 p.m. Tuesdays, St. John United Church, 2901 Nameoki Road, Granite City, 463-2429.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 463-2429.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 8 p.m. Wednesdays, St. Elizabeth School's Noah's Ark Day Care, Pontoon Road, Granite City. The meetings

are closed except for the last Wednesday of the month.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursdays and noon and 8 p.m. Fridays at 2116 Edison, Granite City, (800) 307-6600.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 8 p.m. Thursdays, Mitchell Presbyterian Church, Mitchell, (800) 307-6600.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 8 p.m. Saturdays and 1:30 and 8 p.m. Sundays at 2116 Edison, Granite City, (800) 307-6600.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 8 p.m. Sundays, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Pascal Hall, main floor, Granite City, (800) 307-6600.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 8 p.m., Tuesdays, St. John United Church, 2901 Nameoki Road, Granite City, 692-6078.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (women only), 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Mitchell Presbyterian Church, Mitchell, (800) 307-6600.

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60 protestors call for new county homes closure vote

By Paul Mackie
Staff writer

Nearly 60 demonstrators called for a new vote on the closing of the Madison County care homes during a protest held April 21.

People carried signs, chanted and marched in the courtyard of the Madison County Administration Building to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the County Board's 15-13 vote to close two care homes.

Gary Groeteka, co-chairman of the County Homes Action Committee, led a chant calling for the Madison County Nursing Home and Sheltered Care Home to remain open. He said the County Board, with seven new members, should take another vote.

"Let your board members know. Make some noise," Groeteka called out. "There are people here from all over the county, not just from Edwardsville like (board members) claim."

Several at the rally said many newcomers have joined the cause to keep open the homes, which former Madison County Auditor Fred Bathon said didn't have enough money to remain in operation.

"This (rally) was everyday working people," said Frank Metzger of Edwardsville, who added that the median age of people in attendance was about 40. "There are not a lot of

older people participating," said Bathon was the auditor. "Bathon was the auditor," said Melita Walz, a former hairdresser at the nursing home who also chairs a Glen Carbon grassroots group called Concerned Citizens. "Now it's (H. Jack) Frandsen, and he doesn't want (the homes) open either."

"They don't follow our laws anymore; they make up their own," said Erwin Wein of Glen Carbon. "We've got to get a good audit of the county's finances."

Almeta Hillebrand-Haynes of Collinsville helped organize the rally. She said County Board Chairman Rudy Papa, D-Bethalto, and several other board members are wrong about the nursing homes.

"Papa knows he's no good. We need to get him out of there so we can get something accomplished. You can't treat people like they're bugs to squash on."

Papa defended the County Board, saying it decided to close the homes because voters defeated two propositions that would have allowed the homes to stay open.

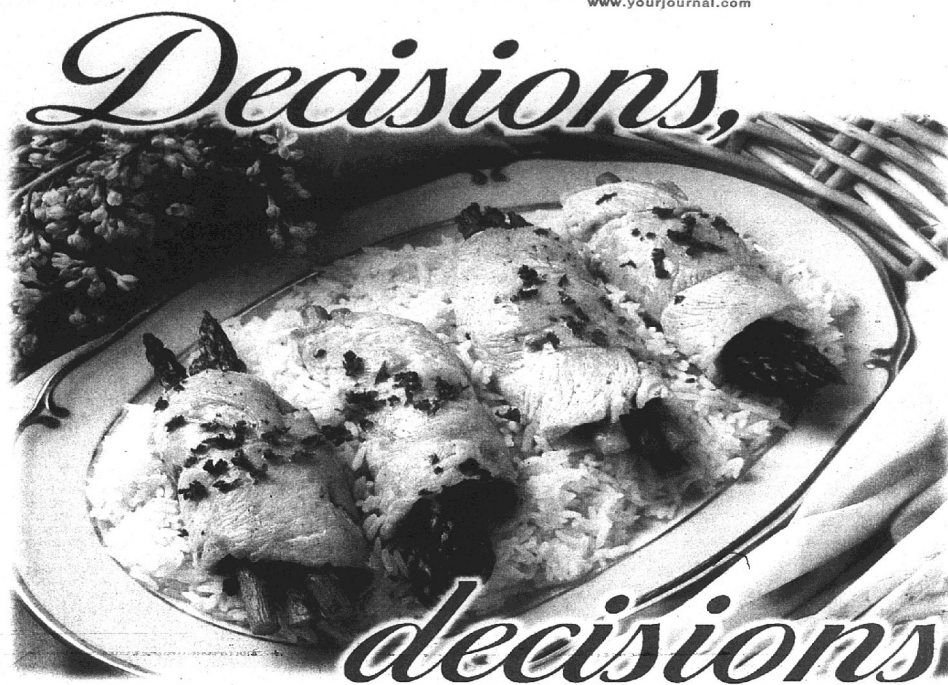
Demonstrators, however, said some citizens didn't know they were voting to close the homes. They said there should be other sources for the county to pay for the Nursing Home, 211 Troy Road in Edwardsville, and the Sheltered Care Home, 333 S. Main St.

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Fruits, veggies
can be
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Ideas for what to fix are hard part of cooking

By Janice Denham
Staff writer

Sometimes it would be more fun for the cook to be the kitchen helper. There would be no decisions about the menu or hoping a meal comes together without thought or shopping. It only would entail carrying out specific orders. Where's that lord of the kitchen when he's needed?

Most kitchens function with about a dozen meals revolving on the menu board. The biggest surprise may be peas showing up on Wednesday, "green bean night," but the beans reassuringly reappear in their proper order on the next rotation.

Slight variations may use ground poultry for ground beef, occasionally put a seasonal vegetable, like fresh asparagus, ahead of frozen or canned reliables, or switch to bean salad or slaw instead of leafy greens.

While it may be noticeable, it is not a big enough surprise to turn anyone's fork into a spoon.

Give in to those wild yearnings for variety. Try some fresh vegetables and fruits that literally sing "spring." This is the time of the strawberry, of the asparagus, of the artichoke, of the mango, of the fresh greens. Come-hither glances in bright colors from their produce perches invite a shopper to take them home.

Start at the head of the alphabet with asparagus. It can be used hot or cold as a filling, appetizer, soup or salad.

Try it without cooking. Toss 3 cups thinly sliced asparagus, 1 cup cut-up red bell pepper, 1 cup cut-up jicama and 2 tablespoons minced onion with a mixture of 1/4 cup white wine vinegar, 2 tablespoons chopped fresh (or 2 teaspoons dried) basil, 1 tablespoon oil, 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1 clove garlic, minced, and 1/4 teaspoon pepper sauce.

For a colorful side dish, stir-fry 2 cups diagonally sliced asparagus, 1 cup sliced

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COOKIE GARDEN

A cookie garden invites everyone to eat the sunflowers, the birdhouse, watering can, butterfly and dragonfly. The cookie cutters come from the Garden Gate Shop at the Missouri Botanical Garden. They come on cards with pre-mixed spice packets, cooking and decorating tips. Another cookie card

has a cutter in a bird shape for treats, along with a recipe and a mix of fruit created for feeding the feathery crowd outside the kitchen window.

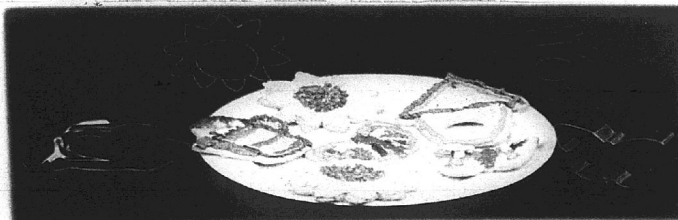
Each cookie cutter card costs \$6 at the garden, 4344 Shaw Ave. Orders can be made directly to the shop by calling (314) 577-5137.

Shipping charges will be added, depending on the amount of order and destination.

Each cookie cutter card has a recipe for a rich cookie to make, using the spice packet. This recipe makes a simpler sugar cookie with the same seasonings that make them irresistible.

Garden Cookies

2 cups flour
1-1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 tsp. allspice
1/3 tsp. nutmeg or cloves
1/2 cup (1 stick) margarine or butter
1 cup sugar
1 egg
1/4 tsp. vanilla
1/4 tsp. almond extract
1 tsp. milk or cream



Kids' Cuisine

Sift 1-1/2 cups flour with baking powder, cinnamon, allspice and nutmeg into bowl.
In second bowl, cream margarine until soft. Beat in sugar, egg, almond extract and milk. Stir in flour mixture. Add enough extra flour to make stiff, non-sticky dough. (Hands can be used for this part.)
Refrigerate dough at least 1 hour so it is firm for rolling.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Roll out dough on lightly floured board until about 1/8-inch thick. Cut in shapes. Place on ungreased baking sheet.

Bake in preheated oven 6 to 9 minutes. Remove from oven when edges start to brown. Immediately place cookies on cooling rack to cool completely. Decorate as desired.

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Lively Taste

Lemon juice is a favorite seasoning that blends well with fish. When baking whole fish, sprinkle it both inside and outside with lemon juice, then while it cooks baste it with combined lemon juice, chopped parsley and a small amount of unsalted margarine. When broiling fish, brush it with a little olive oil, fresh lemon juice and dill weed or tarragon. Lemon broadens the appeal of red meat, too. Blend lemon juice, dry mustard and freshly ground pepper and serve as a hot sauce for lean cuts of beef and pork.

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Fresh Picks

Strawberry flavor fares better when it is warm than straight from a cold refrigerator. This is a simple way to enhance it. In a medium saucepan over medium heat, cook and stir 2 tablespoons sugar, 1 tablespoon butter or margarine, 2 teaspoons lemon juice and 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon until syrupy and thick. Remove from heat. Add 1 pound strawberries, rinsed and hulled. Toss them gently so each berry is coated with the mixture. Serve them immediately. For flavor variations, add 2 tablespoons toasted shredded coconut with the berries or, after cooling the glazed berries on a plate or cookie sheet, roll them in 2 tablespoons chocolate sprinkles and/or finely chopped semisweet chocolate.

Big Fat Tip

Twice-baked potatoes with high-fat cheese and butter are no treat for those with healthy intentions. Instead, enjoy them with a light touch. Carefully scoop out potato flesh of 4 medium baked potatoes, cut in half lengthwise, leaving 1/2-inch layer of flesh inside shells. In large bowl, mash the pulp. Add 3/4 cup low-fat cottage cheese, 1/4 cup low-fat milk, 2 tablespoons soft margarine, 1 teaspoon dill weed, 3/4 teaspoon herb seasoning and 4 to 6 drops pepper sauce. Spoon mixture into shells and sprinkle top of each with 1/4 teaspoon grated parmesan cheese. Place on a baking sheet and bake 15 to 20 minutes in 425 degree oven until tops are golden brown. Each half-potato serving has 113 calories, 3 g fat and 136 mg sodium.

Future Shop

When strolling down the produce aisle, artichokes should be a good choice over the next few weeks. A bumper crop is expected from California. Just the opposite is true of avocados. The cool spring means they developed slowly.

Today's Food

New bend in road leads to dance around Maypole

By Mary Schroepfer
Correspondent

After a day in the warm sun enjoying spring activities, appetites turn toward fresh greens and other spring vegetables. New crops of asparagus, spinach, broccoli, mushrooms, peas, lettuce and radishes are at full flavor and availability.

Indulge in new tastes. Rather than only choosing old standbys, add a new vegetable to the shopping cart each week. Many stores have recipes and preparation tips for using new produce items.

Select produce wisely. Buy only the amount needed. Even when properly stored, produce is perishable. Buy clean, chilled vegetables and keep them refrigerated. Using them promptly ensures their best flavor and highest nutritional value.

Handle fresh produce gently. Damage and bruising hastens spoilage. At the checkout, pack produce on top or in separate bags. Avoid bruised or wilted produce, which suggests it has not been handled properly or is past its prime.

Here are tips for buying fresh produce:

Asparagus: Look for firm, crisp spears that are bright green almost their whole length, and tightly closed tips.

Broccoli: Choose dense clusters of tightly closed, dark green florets. Avoid

heads with yellow florets or thick, woody stems.

Carrots: Pick firm, clean, well-shaped carrots with bright orange-gold color.

Mushrooms: Reach for blemish-free mushrooms with no slimy spots or signs of decay.

Peas: Pick small, plump, bright green pods that are firm, crisp and well filled.

Spinach: Select tender,

fresh leaves free of blemishes. Avoid spinach with thick, coarse-veined leaves.

Just four main ingredients are needed to prepare this quick and easy pasta main dish, an official 5-a-Day recipe.

Home economist Mary Schroepfer is nutrition specialist for University Extension (University of Missouri system) in Franklin County.

QUICK PASTA PRIMAVERA FOR TWO

- 1 cup broccoli florets
- 1 cup thinly sliced carrot
- 1 cup asparagus, sliced diagonally
- 1 cup uncooked rigati, bow ties, elbows or other medium pasta
- 1 tsp. flour
- 1 tsp. margarine
- 1 cup skim milk
- 1/4 tsp. basil
- 1/8 tsp. pepper
- 2 tbsp. grated parmesan cheese

In large saucepan, heat water to boiling. Cook pasta 5 minutes in boiling water. Add broccoli, asparagus and carrot to pasta. Cook 5 minutes longer until vegetables are tender-crisp. Drain. Keep hot.

In small saucepan, melt margarine. Blend in flour until smooth. Gradually stir in milk, basil and pepper. Over medium heat, cook and stir until sauce thickens. Remove from heat. Blend in cheese.

Pour sauce over hot vegetables and pasta. Mix together. Serve hot.

Makes 2 servings; 433 calories, 9 g fat, 7 mg cholesterol and 6 g dietary fiber each.

Note: Other vegetables can be substituted. Choose 3 cups any combination of three vegetables in bite-size pieces: zucchini, carrot, broccoli, cauliflower, green or red bell pepper, pea pods, mushrooms and tomato.

Some vegetables high in moisture — like zucchini, mushrooms and tomato wedges — are best steamed until just tender-crisp. Cook pasta in boiling water, following package directions. Make sauce as directed, then combine with steamed vegetables and drained, cooked pasta.

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mushrooms and 1/2 cup chopped onion in 2 teaspoons olive oil 1 minute. Add 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar (or 1 tablespoon wine vinegar mixed with 1/4 teaspoon sugar), 1/2 teaspoon thyme, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Stir-fry about 1 minute longer until asparagus is tender-crisp.

For more information about asparagus, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Washington Asparagus Commission, c/o Publicis, 190 Queen Anne Ave. N., Seattle, Wash., 98109.

Of course, strawberries the color of Dorothy's ruby-red shoes practically jump into the shopping cart this time of year. Dipping them individually in chocolate sauce or confectioner's

sugar just before popping them into the mouth surely harkens back to days when people languished on couches to eat.

To prepare them in advance, thread them whole with a selection of other fruit chunks on bamboo skewers.

Their color attracts even the timid. Using parfait or wine glasses, alternate two or three layers each of vanilla ice cream with sliced strawberries. Top

with a dollop of whipped cream and a sprig of mint. If this treat is breakfast, replace the rich creams with yogurt and add a sprinkling of granola or cereal flakes to each layer.

Here is a menu that will ask for a bow from the cook who can save her phone call to the lord of the kitchen for another pressured situation.

TURKEY ASPARAGUS ROLL-UPS

- 4 (8 to 12 oz. each) turkey breast fillets
- 2 tsp. Dijon mustard
- 12 to 16 small asparagus, cleaned, trimmed
- 1/2 cup (2 oz.) shredded low-fat mozzarella cheese
- 2 tsp. minced parsley
- 2 tsp. minced shallot
- Seasoned salt
- Ground pepper
- 1 tsp. oil
- 1/4 cup dry white wine

Gently pound turkey to length of asparagus spears. Spread each slice with 1/2 teaspoon mustard. Place 3 or 4 asparagus spears toward one end of long side of turkey. Sprinkle each with 2 tablespoons cheese, 1-1/2 teaspoons parsley and 1-1/2 teaspoons shallot. Sprinkle with seasoned salt and pepper.

Roll up turkey to enclose asparagus. Fasten with skewers or toothpicks. In ovenproof skillet, brown turkey rolls in oil. Pour wine over turkey. Sprinkle with seasoned salt and pepper.

Bake in preheated oven 15 to 20 minutes until turkey is cooked but not dry.

If desired, heat 2 tablespoons water in pan drippings. Serve over turkey rolls.

Makes 4 servings.

STRAWBERRY TART

Unbaked pastry for 9-inch single pie crust

- 1 pt. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
- 2 tsp. almond liqueur or 1/2 tsp. almond extract
- 2 tsp. confectioner's sugar
- 1/2 cup cranberry-strawberry drink
- 1 tsp. granulated sugar
- 2 tsp. cornstarch
- 4 cups strawberries, hulled

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Line 9-inch tart pan with removable bottom or deep-dish pie pan with pastry. Using a fork, pierce bottom of crust. Bake in preheated oven 10 minutes or until golden brown. Cool.

In medium bowl, whip cream cheese until light and fluffy. Add liqueur and confectioner's sugar. Mix well.

In small saucepan, combine berry drink, granulated sugar and cornstarch. Mix well. Cook and stir until mixture thickens and boils.

Spread cream cheese over pastry. Arrange strawberries tip-up on cheese and drizzle with berry glaze. Refrigerate at least 1 hour.

Makes 8 servings.

LEMON RICE

- 1 cup uncooked rice
- 1 tsp. margarine, if desired
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tsp. grated lemon peel
- 1/8 to 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 2 cups chicken broth
- A few drops yellow food coloring
- 2 tsp. snipped parsley, if desired

In 2- to 3-quart saucepan, bring rice, margarine, garlic, lemon peel, pepper and broth to boil, stirring once or twice. Reduce heat. Simmer, covered, 15 minutes or until rice is tender and liquid is absorbed.

Add food coloring. Toss until evenly colored as desired.

If serving rice on the side, sprinkle parsley on top. Otherwise, stir parsley into rice mixture with food coloring.

Makes 4 generous servings.



Meat lovers interested in low-fat burgers take a gander at ostrich from the freezer of supermarkets.

No taster buries their head in sand over ostrich burger

Once tasters sampled ostrich burgers, their obvious hesitation flew away.

The ground ostrich was frozen in quarter-pound patties. Zion View Ranch patties came four to a package at Schnuck Markets for

TEST RUN \$3.99, while two Blackwing Farm patties of the same size cost \$3.29 at Dierbergs.

The red meat is naturally light in fat. A Zion View patty was listed at 140 calories and 3 grams fat, the Blackwing patty has 120 calories and 2.5 grams fat. This compares to a quarter-pound patty of extra-lean ground beef with about twice the calories and 18 grams fat.

There are precautions to take when preparing it, the test cook discovered.

"They are ready in minutes. There is no fat that leaks out. I made them in a nonstick skillet. Even starting from frozen they take less time than beef to cook, so they require less watching time, too, but they need a little extra to cook through to the center," she said. Shrinkage also is minimal.

"These are hefty burgers. They are almost the

same size as the raw meat when finished," she added. The blandness in flavor carried over to the kitchen aroma, which did not carry the usual smell of fat being cooked.

Tasters wondered if the bird that doesn't fly would be the proverbial meat that "tastes like chicken." "They don't taste at all like poultry. The ostrich burgers were tasty, flavorful. They also almost have a 'sweet' flavor," a taster said, as she tried to distinguish them.

Several said they still preferred the stronger taste of beef, but also would eat them "occasionally."

One taster had a standard for her test. "I have enjoyed them at a restaurant occasionally and thought they were great. I was impressed. These were just as good. When it comes to enjoying burgers, I think a lot of it stems from what you get used to. I like 'the works' on my burger, so I probably couldn't tell what kind of meat it is," she said.

Cooked without seasoning, the burgers could have ketchup, mustard and pickle added by the tasters.

One took home a couple ostrich burgers to sample according to her

usual cooking style. She added a little flavored salt and garlic powder as she cooked them. She cooked two at the same time, then reheated one in a microwave oven for a later meal.

Adding seasoning like the package suggests really perks them up. Particularly if you like burgers with lots of condiments, most people would enjoy their meal without paying much attention to the meat, which is thick, not chewy but not quite as juicy either," she said.

Overcooking would be a problem, she said, but the reheated one did not turn rubbery or tough.

"The ostrich burger is not juicy as regular ground beef, but that's the fat trade-off. Doctored up with the works, ostrich burgers would be a suitable replacement for beef," another taster said. He asked exactly where to find them in the supermarket.

The health profile of the meat was a positive factor for several testers, while one chose price over this factor.

"These were good enough to eat, but not purchase, especially at about a dollar apiece. I can get a loaded fast food burger for that price," he said.

Foods help stem hypertension

High blood pressure, also called hypertension, is the second most common disorder for which prescription drugs are used in the United States.

High blood pressure affects about 25 percent of all American adults. As one ages, the greater the chance one will develop high blood pressure. It is estimated another 25 percent are pre-hypertensive.

People are fortunate to have many approved and effective drug treatments for high blood pressure. However, some argue that exercise and diet are not taken seriously as first line treatments.

Diet and exercise can help someone with borderline high blood pressure avoid prescription medication. Current guidelines suggest weight loss, reduced sodium (salt) intake and reduced alcohol consumption for reducing blood pressure.

Studies show vegetarians have lower blood pressure than meat eaters. Replacing meat with vegetables, even partly, can help lower blood pressure. A clinical study called the Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension studied three different diets over a three-week period in centers across the country.

More than 450 adults with high blood pressure were put randomly on one of the three diets.

One diet was low in fruits, vegetables and dairy products, but had fat content typical of the American diet. The second was a "control" diet especially rich in fruits and vegetables. The third group ate a combination of the other two, rich in fruits and vegetables, low-fat dairy products and some reduced saturated fat foods.

The combination, called the DASH diet, was the most effective in reducing blood pressure. Participants lowered their systolic blood pressure (the top number) by 11.4 mmHg and the diastolic blood pressure (the bottom number) by 5.5 mmHg more than the control group. Based on a person's need for 2,000 calories a day, the DASH eating plan, emphasizing low-fat foods and cooking techniques, includes:

Seven or 8 servings of grains and grain products, with a serving being 1 slice of bread, 1/2 cup dry cereal or 1/2 cup cooked rice or pasta;

Four or 5 servings of vegetables, with 1 cup raw leafy vegetable, 1/2 cup chopped fresh or cooked vegetable or 6 ounces vegetable juice constituting a serving;

Four or 5 servings of fruits, which would be 1 medium fruit, 1/2 cup fresh, frozen or canned fruit, 1/4 cup dried fruit or 3/4 cup fruit juice as a serving;

Two or 3 daily servings of low-fat or nonfat dairy foods, with 1 cup milk or yogurt or 1.5 ounces (3/8 cup shredded) cheese for a serving;

Two or fewer meat or fish servings per day, with each serving being 3 ounces cooked meat or fish;

Four or 5 servings of nuts, seeds and legumes, with 1/3 cup nuts, 2 tablespoons seeds or 1/2 cup cooked legumes a single serving.

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Today's Food

Celebrate un-birthdays by micro-baking a cake

By Kathy Hanewinkel
Correspondent

People who wish they had known someone was coming so they'd had time to bake a cake never made one in a microwave oven. Cooking time is only about 12 minutes.

MICRO RAVES

Whether or not it observes a birthday, a few hints and a reliable recipe build confidence to embark on this easy cooking project.

Besides cooking faster, microwaved cakes are outstandingly tasty because less flavor evaporates with a short cooking time and lack of oven heat. On the other hand, no crust from this lack of heat means judging for doneness and the cake's keeping quality are somewhat compromised.

To encourage participation in microwave cake baking, here is a wide selection of tips, some of which are from Ann Steiner and CiCi Williamson, who write the MicroScope column and specialize in microwave recipes.

Depending on what you like, using an electric mixer toughens the cake texture or makes it more spongy. A cake mixed with a mixer though also bakes higher and fluffier.

If an electric mixer is not used, the cake mix and dry ingredients should be sifted.

Ring pans are great, but often a fluted ring pan holds more.

- Before adding the batter, grease the pan, even if it is nonstick, with shortening. Do not flour it or the edge of the cake will turn paste-like. In addition to greasing, the pan also can be "sugared" with granulated sugar.

- Reduce a conventional recipe's amount of water by one-fourth. For instance, use ¾ cup instead of 1 cup; use 1 cup in place of 1½ cups.

- Use the recommended amount of eggs.

- Do not use more than ½ cup oil.

- Level batter after pouring it into the prepared pan.

- If the microwave oven plate does not rotate, place cake on top of an inverted plate or glass pie plate so the batter receives the best microwave circulation.

- Give the pan a quarter turn every 3 minutes if it does not have a rotating turntable or carousel.

- Ann and CiCi recommend covering the completed cake with waxed paper or a plate during standing time. Usually I don't find it necessary to cover cakes during standing time, but if I decided to do so, I would use a paper towel just to absorb any excess moisture.

- Observe standing time. After standing, tilt the pan or shake it slightly before inverting. Any moist areas can be blotted with a paper towel.

This pineapple upside-down cake is an old favorite.

Home economist Kathy Hanewinkel specializes in microwave cooking.

PINEAPPLE UPSIDE-DOWN CAKE

¼ cup (½ stick) butter or margarine
¾ cup packed brown sugar
1 can (8½ oz.) pineapple slices, drained, reserving liquid

4 maraschino or canned cherries, cut in half

1¼ cups flour
¾ cup granulated sugar

2 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. salt

½ cup shortening, melted
1 egg
Milk

1 tsp. vanilla

In 8-inch round microwave or glass cake pan, microwave butter on high power 1 minute until melted. Sprinkle with brown sugar.

Place drained pineapple on paper towels to blot excess liquid. Arrange fruit in pan. Decorate centers with cherries.

In bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, shortening, egg, liquid from pineapple plus milk to equal ½ cup liquid and vanilla. Beat on lowest speed of mixer 3 minutes, scraping bowl until well blended.

Carefully pour batter over fruit in pan, spreading evenly.

Microwave on high power 10 to 13 minutes.

Grandmotherly blessing has 'bean' reciprocated

By Kathy Thompson
Correspondent

Around the ripe age of 10, I developed a sudden interest in cooking. My family had a special dinner planned for my grandmother's birthday and I wanted to fix one of her favorite dishes. My mother gave me a simple recipe for baked beans.

HEART-Y BITES

How I struggled with that recipe! I wanted it to be perfect.

Finally it was time to sit down to dinner. Before eating, my grandmother said grace. Then added, "Please bless Kathy's beans." The blessing worked overtime. The baked beans were delicious and ever since that day beans have been one of my favorite foods.

Historically, beans have been a critical ingredient in the cuisine of almost every civilization around the globe. They were vital in the evolution from a hunting society to an agricultural one.

Dried beans frequently saw Native Americans through harsh winters. They also were a staple food for armies and navies, because they store easily and are not easily perishable.

Cultures which have grown and eaten beans for centuries developed diverse and often healthful cuisines. There is the Native American succotash, the full mudamas (baked

beans) from Egypt, hummus (chickpeas) from the Middle East, dal (lentils) from India, the black-eyed peas and hoppin' John of our South and even baked beans from Boston.

Beans are economical, versatile, fun for experimenting and delicious. They vary in color and carry names as simple as pinto, soy or kidney or as poetic as "tongues of fire" or Spanish tolasanas. They can be bought fresh, dried, frozen or canned. Some dried beans require soaking and a longer cooking time.

Beans are an excellent meat alternative. They are a great source of protein and iron, can be low in fat and are a rich source of fiber.

Fiber's long-time credit is for maintaining intestinal regularity. Research shows it also may reduce the risk of colon cancer and can help lower blood cholesterol levels and control blood sugar.

Most health experts recommend eating 20 to 35 grams of fiber every day. On average, an American eats only 12 to 17 grams. Beans join other important sources of fiber — whole-grain breads and cereals, fruits and vegetables.

Constantly on the lookout for new recipes that play off the "traditional" baked bean idea, this recipe is delicious. It can be used as a main dish with the simple addition of a salad and bread.

Dietetic intern Kathy Thompson is a member of the nutrition committee of the American Heart Association, Greater St. Louis Division.

ROUNDUP BEAN CASSEROLE

1 lb. ground beef chuck
¼ cups chopped onion
¼ cup chopped green bell pepper

1 can (14 oz.) reduced-sodium red kidney beans

1 can (15 oz.) lima beans

2 cans (11 oz. each) pork and beans

¼ cup low-sodium ketchup

1 tsp. mustard

2 tbsp. vinegar

Preheat oven to 350°. Brown beef, onion and green pepper in skillet. Drain off excess fat.

Combine with kidney and lima beans, pork and beans, ketchup, brown sugar, mustard and vinegar.

Place mixture in 2-quart casserole dish. Bake in preheated oven 1 hour.

Makes 8 servings; 270 calories, 23 g protein, 8 g fat, 499 mg sodium and 6 g dietary fiber each.

Note: Canned beans vary in sodium content. If low-sodium ones are not available, use reconstituted dry beans or frozen beans.

Recipe

TURKEY BREASTS WITH APPLE

1 tbsp. butter or margarine
4 turkey breast steaks
½ cup maple or pancake syrup

2 tbsp. cider vinegar
1 tbsp. Dijon mustard
1 cube of 1 tbsp. instant chicken bouillon
2 tart apples (such as granny smith), peeled, sliced

In nonstick skillet, melt butter over medium heat until bubbly but not brown. Cook turkey 8 to 10 minutes, turning once.

When no pink remains, remove steaks and cover with foil.

Add syrup, cider vinegar, mustard and bouillon to pan juices. Stir well. Add apple. Cook 3 to 4 minutes until tender.

Place turkey on individual plates. Top with apples and sauce.

Makes 4 servings; 281 calories, 27 g protein.



Nan Wyatt



Doug McElvein

She would be an outstanding candidate. There is going to be a woman president one of these days and we might as well start the new century, I think, with a woman in the White House.

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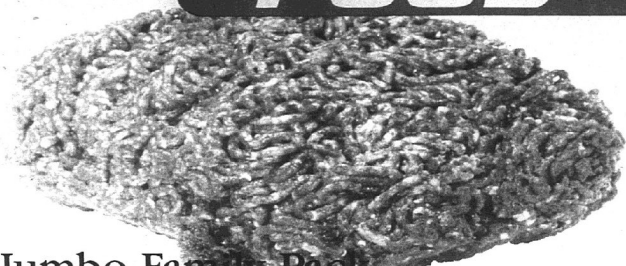
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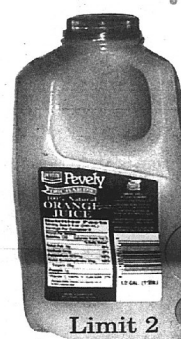


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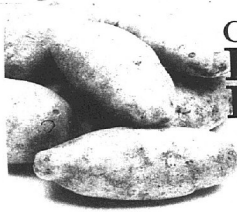
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the warm egg. Hard-cooked egg slices could be used with the cheese as well, which would necessitate microwaving a few seconds to melt the top.

Recipe

ROASTED VEGGIES AND PASTA DI SIENA

- 8 oz. uncooked linguine
- 1 small eggplant, sliced 1/2 inch thick
- 1 medium zucchini, cut in half lengthwise
- 1 medium yellow squash, cut in half lengthwise
- 1 medium onion, cut in thick slices
- 2 tsp. olive oil
- Salt and pepper
- 1 jar (26 oz.) fire-roasted tomato and garlic pasta sauce
- Shredded asiago or parmesan cheese, if desired

Cook linguine according to package directions. Preheat oven to 450°. Lightly grease shallow baking pan.

Brush both sides of eggplant, zucchini, yellow squash and onion with oil. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.

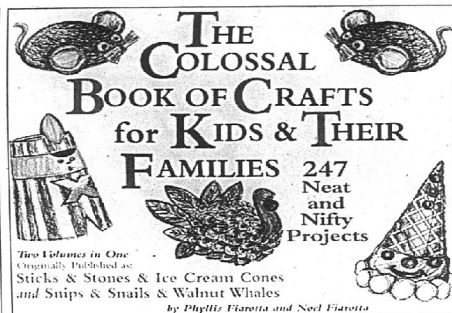
Spread vegetables on prepared pan. Bake in preheated oven 10 minutes. Turn over vegetables. Bake 10 minutes longer or until vegetables are lightly browned on both sides and tender.

When vegetables are cool, coarsely chop them.

In large saucepan, heat sauce. Add vegetables. Heat through.

Serve sauce over hot linguine. Top with shredded cheese.

Makes six (1-cup) servings; 277 calories, 9 g protein, 7 g fat, 48 g carbohydrate, no cholesterol and 384 mg sodium each.



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Winner wraps beans with savory flavors

Blythe Wilton, St. Charles, wins this week's recipe contest for Green Beans Viennese. Her prize is dinner certificates at the Pasta House Co.

BLUE RIBBON COOK She started using this recipe as an easy vegetable dish for Easter, but finds it handy throughout the year whenever she wants a delicious sauce for green beans.

Muffins are the subject of this month's contest. They can be sweet or savory, served for breakfast, a snack or along with dinner.

A single recipe should be postmarked by Friday and sent to: Muffin Recipe Contest, Suburban Journals, 174 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis 63131. It also can be e-mailed to westnews@primary.net.

Each Wednesday in May a winner will be chosen from the Muffin Recipe Contest on the basis of taste and eye appeal, as well as originality, although the recipe need not be original. That means there will be four winners.

Because of the new month starting, a recipe in the next contest, Potluck Dessert Recipe Contest, also can be included. These will be due during the month of May for winners during June.

As usual, the history of the recipe will be considered part of the entry. If possible, name the recipe's source.

Type or print the recipe

legibly on one side of the paper. Include name, address and telephone number on the entry. Name the *Journal* you receive.

Double-check the recipe as it is written for both amounts and directions. Include any variations that make this dish special.

Winners are notified by mail. Duplicate entries will be considered on the basis of earlier entry or best compliance with the rules. Contest winners may enter again six months after their first-winning publication date.

GREEN BEANS VIENNESE

- 1 lb. fresh green beans
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1 tsp. butter or margarine
- 1 tsp. flour
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- Pinch pepper
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 2 tsp. snipped fresh parsley
- 1 tsp. vinegar
- 1/4 tsp. dried dill weed
- 1/2 cup sour cream

Cook beans until tender. Drain. Sauté onion in butter until tender. Stir in flour, salt and pepper. Add broth, parsley, vinegar and dill. Cook and stir until bubbly. Stir into sour cream. Add sauce to beans. Heat mixture thoroughly, but do not boil. Makes 4 servings.

CHICKEN VEGETABLE PASTA

Cook 8 ounces pasta — such as spirals, penne or macaroni — according to package directions.

Drain. Cook 3 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves, cut in strips, and 1 medium onion, chopped, in 1 tablespoon oil

about 4 minutes until chicken is almost done. Add 1 can (14.5 ounces) diced tomato with basil, garlic and oregano and 1 can (14.5 ounces) mixed vegetables, drained. Simmer 5 minutes. Toss chicken mixture with pasta. Garnish with parmesan cheese, if desired. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

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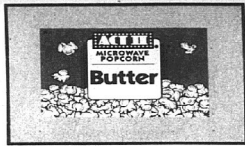
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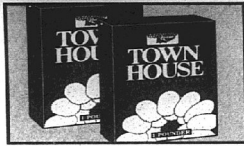
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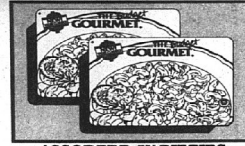
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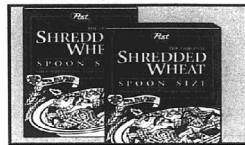
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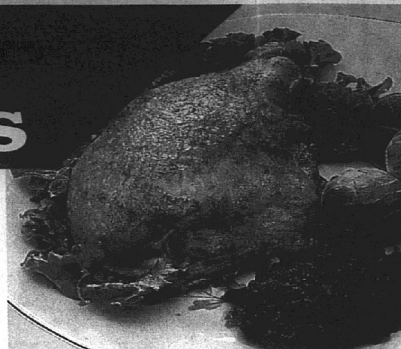
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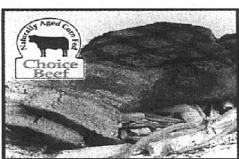
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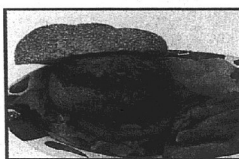
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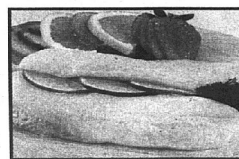
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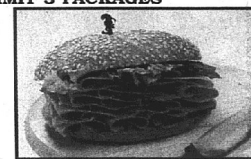
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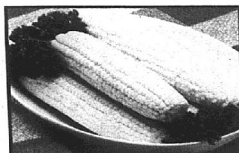
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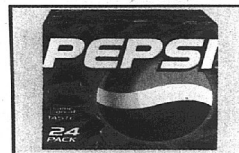
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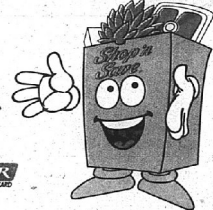
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St. Louis public schools take proactive safety approach

By Glen Sparks
Staff writer

After the recent mass killings at a suburban Denver high school, the spotlight is on safety measures taken by schools across the nation.

The St. Louis Public Schools take a proactive approach to potential problems, said Charles McCrary, the district's director of safety.

Students in middle school and high school must pass through metal detectors before going to class, for instance. Also, safety officers talk to students about simmering trouble.

A 24-hour telephone hotline also can stop problems from

escalating into crises. Safety officers answer calls during the daytime. Callers can leave voice mail messages at night.

"We want to take care of problems as fast as we can," McCrary said. "We've been able to do that a number of times."

Principals can lead schools on drills that should help students and teachers better react if a gunman ever comes on campus.

Procedures vary depending on whether the person with a gun is inside or outside the school building.

"After what happened in Colorado, I think a lot more principals are going to practice this drill with students," McCrary said.

Other district safety measures include:

- A threat evaluation form that tells McCrary's office if suspicious persons are loitering around a particular school.
- Identification cards that students in middle schools and high schools must wear.
- A team of a dozen school security officers who carry guns and drive patrol cars.
- "They're there to respond to the big stuff," McCrary said.
- Random locker searches for weapons and drugs.
- "This can keep anyone off-balance."

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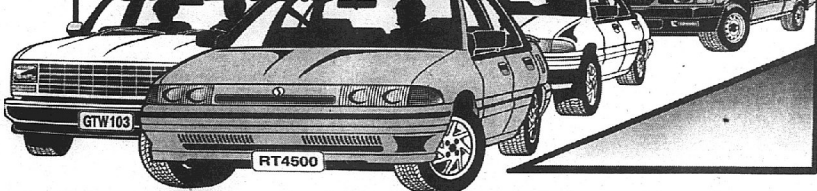


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Godfrey junior college seeking historic Edwardsville factory

Hoffman: Money may have to wait until next year

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Staff writer

Preservationists are anxiously awaiting action by the Illinois Legislature on transferring ownership of the historic

MADISON COUNTY N.O. Nelson factory in

Edwardsville to Lewis and Clark Community College in Godfrey.

State Rep. Jay Hoffman, D-Collinsville, sponsor of a bill that would allow the transfer, said a version has passed in both the House and the Senate.

He said he expects no problem getting the measure approved so backers can start seeking funding to rehabilitate the building.

However, the money for the rebuilding work may have to wait until next year, Hoffman said.

"We don't want to get the cart before the horse," Hoffman said. "The bill would transfer the factory building from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville to LCCC of Godfrey. The community college, in turn, has plans to turn the building into an

off-campus vocational training center, while maintaining the building's vintage character.

SIUE used the building as a center for art classes and most recently for storage.

University spokesman Keith Nichols said SIUE decided to give up the building and move the storage space to a new building on the main campus.

"The finishing touches are all that remain of the new building project," Nichols said.

The university plans to move the items from what it calls "the Wagner Complex" to the new building as soon as possible.

LCCC spokesman Kent Scheffel said the college conversion is a priority, which indicated the project can be successful. The university and the college are cooperating to get the transfer made, he said.

The funding question remains, he said.

"We would probably have to look to the Legislature for that," Scheffel said.

Hoffman said he is willing to push for funding to rebuild the factory but that it may be next year before that can be accomplished.

The funding should be an

easy sell, he said, because the project will benefit public higher education, as well as preserve an architectural gem.

"We are delighted that it is being preserved as a historic structure. It has been designated as one of the 10 most endangered historic buildings in the state," said Suzanne Dietrich, president of the Madison County Museum.

Members of the Goshen Preservation Alliance said the building, built in 1890, is important because of its age, place in the surrounding neighborhood and its uniqueness as a factory building.

They said Nelson was noted for good treatment of his workers, who fashioned plumbing fixtures at the plant, which had large windows to let in light and fresh air.

The factory was a keystone in the historic Leclaire area, the alliance members said.

"It's important to have an organization like Lewis and Clark involved in the renovation project because you can see their track record in what they have done on their main campus," Hoffman said.

Gephardt joins nation at Colorado school massacre memorial service

By Clayton Berry
Staff writer

As thousands of people April 25 mourned the loss of 12 students and a teacher recently slain in Littleton, Colo., U.S. Rep. Richard Gephardt, D-3rd Dist., couldn't fight back the tears.

Gephardt accepted an invitation from Vice President Al Gore to join 70,000 mourners in the Colorado town

for a memorial service. The minority leader of the U.S. House of Representatives met with families of the victims and students who survived the April 20 tragedy.

"I'm a parent," Gephardt told the mourners. "I have three kids. When I was hugging them and crying with them (families and survivors), I was thinking of my own children and how devastating this all is."

One father told Gephardt that he hoped his daughter did not die in vain, that the nation would learn from the tragedy.

Another parent asked Gephardt to be part of the nationwide discussion on the issues surrounding school shootings.

Every victim was remembered during the service. As each of their names were read, a white dove was released into the air.

The memorial took place close to Columbine High School, where the massacre occurred.

It was one of the most moving experiences in Gephardt's 22 years of public service.

"Obviously they (the parents) are seeking meaning out of their children's tragic, horrible and unexplainable deaths," Gephardt said.

"They'll never recover from this, but they are great people. They want to find a positive in this madness. That's what we have to do. Everyone has a

responsibility to help."

The madness Gephardt speaks of occurred on an average school day when two students carried out a plan to kill the gunmen, seniors Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, apparently took their own lives after the rampage.

When he met with student survivors and teachers, Gephardt said he went to Colorado to show the parents as well as the community that the entire nation was mourning with them.

"We told them that the whole country was with them and praying for them," he said.

And if that presence helped ease even the slightest pain, "it was well worth it," he said.

Gephardt expressed concern a such a tragedy could hit much closer to home. He said the nation's parents must find ways to become involved with their children. And for those without children, Gephardt encouraged people to be part of the action by volunteering for youth programs or serving as mentors.

"Obviously there is a problem," he said. "This is a wake-up call. We need to find answers, so we can do better. This has to become a high priority for everybody."

State Supreme Court rules against firefighter's families

By Dennis Grubaugh
Staff writer

The Illinois Supreme Court ruled April 15 that State Farm Insurance Co. does not have to pay multimillion-dollar judgments to the estates of two Alton firefighters killed in an arson fire in 1992.

In reversing lower court decisions, the Supreme Court said the coverage was precluded by a policy exclusion for personal injuries that were the result of "willful and malicious acts of the insured."

The ruling stems from wrongful death cases filed in 1993 in Madison County Circuit Court on behalf of the executors of the estates of Tim Lewis and Gary Porter. The two men died as they were fighting a house fire that later was determined to be an arson.

The building's owner, Gregory Martin Sr., a State Farm client, was convicted of paying another man to set the fire.

The trial court — and later the Illinois Fifth District Appellate Court — ruled that State Farm had a duty to defend and indemnify Martin, which would have required the insurance company to pay the firefighters' survivors.

State Farm's attorneys argued that Martin's actions in hiring a tenant to set fire to his building were outside the scope of coverage on rental dwellings.

Alton lawyer Joe Hoeft represented Ethelyn Gorham, executrix of the Porter estate. He said the parties were disappointed by Thursday's development.

"We've got until May 6 to file a petition to reconsider, which we plan to do. If we lose the petition, the case is over: arson."

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St. Louis scoring high marks with its 6 million tourists

By LaRita Marie Heet
Staff writer

St. Louis attracts 6 million visitors each year, according to statistics provided by the St. Louis Convention and Visitors' Commission.

Tourism and the St. Louis Economy

The commission conducts a study about every other year, in which the economic impact, and other specific tourism questions, are analyzed.

The last study, done in 1997, shows that visitors to St. Louis were here for a variety of reasons: 48 percent were here on business; 37 percent were leisure travelers; 16 percent came to St. Louis for meetings and conventions.

An approximate 6.4 million tourists, in 1997, brought an added \$2 billion to the St. Louis economy.

Group and motorcoach travels make up a significant portion of these revenues. Last year, group tour operators and their customers spent more than \$20.9 million locally.

The CVC's tourism staff booked more than 2,100 leisure travel groups into St. Louis during the last year, which generated more than 100,000 room nights for St. Louis city and county hotels.

The amount St. Louis brings in from tourism is growing every year, according to these statistics. In 1992, tourists brought \$1.6 billion to the area; in 1995, that number jumped to \$1.8 billion.

The 1997 total of \$2 billion is expected to rise with the next study, conducted this year.

The overall increase is expected to be approximately 3 to 5 percent over last year, said Carole Moody, vice-president of marketing for the Convention and Visitors' Commission.

"We're budgeting for the hotel tax revenue to increase by about 3 percent," Moody said.

While it's hard to know exactly what the impact will be, Moody expects that number to rise.

"We have a number of new attractions this year, and the convention business is very good. We expect the overall business to increase from last year."

According to the commission, in excess of 1,400 flights arrive at Lambert-St. Louis International Airport every day from more than 120 cities worldwide. St. Louis is served by every major U.S. airline, as well as by Amtrak. St. Louis's proximity as a major metropolitan area in the Midwest is instrumental to its

success as a tourists' haven. "One third of the population in the United States lives within a day's drive of St. Louis," Moody said.

St. Louis: A Favorite

St. Louis is a favorite tour destination, in part, because it appeals to many different ages and tastes of travelers. There are more than 100 major visitor attractions, as well as the appeal of older neighborhoods.

In a 1997 survey, the commission's study shows that people visited the city for a variety of reasons: 48 percent because of the variety of things St. Louis has to offer; 16 percent because the visitors want to see what St. Louis has to offer; 14 percent for sporting events; 12 percent for a specific event; 8 percent to see the Gateway Arch; 8 percent for cultural interests; and 8 percent to visit Six Flags.

"We compare very favorably with the competition," Moody said.

"There's always so much to see and do. There are also so many new attractions."

Recently, Byways magazine, a publication of the National Motorcoach Network, named St. Louis as one of the nation's top motorcoach destinations

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for 1999. St. Louis was ranked 17 in the list of the top 50 American motorcoach destinations for 1999.

Each year, the National Motorcoach Network, and Byways conduct a survey of motorcoach and tour operators to find out where their customers will be traveling.

One of the main reasons for St. Louis's popularity this year, in addition to the many diverse attractions, are the numerous new attractions opening this year, according to Byways.

St. Louis's New Attractions

The Gateway Arch, America's tallest monument, holds even more allure for visitors this year.

"When Riverboats Ruled," which opened in February at the north leg of the Arch, recreates St. Louis' Mississippi River levee in the mid-1800s.

Visitors see steamboats unloading their cargo on the cobblestones, explore the newly constructed Eads Bridge

and talk with Mark Twain. At the Arch's south leg, "Fitting the Final Piece" opens in May. This interactive experience shows the visitors the top of the monument in October 1965, when the last piece of the Arch was raised into place high over the Mississippi River.

Another huge St. Louis attraction is the addition of Hurricane Harbor, at Six Flags St. Louis.

Six Flags, already a popular attraction, is opening its new water adventure park on Memorial Day Weekend.

A three-quarters-of-a-million gallon wave pool, numerous high-speed body slides, a six-story raft adventure and an interactive water playground are a few of the features inside the 25-acre water park.

Another nature exhibit to attract visitors comes in the form of beautiful butterflies at the new Butterfly House and Education Center in Faust County Park, in Chesterfield.

A three-story crystal palace conservatory, containing

hundreds of species of exotic butterflies gathered from rainforests around the world, allows visitors to come face-to-face with the butterflies.

The Magic House, St. Louis' Children's Museum has doubled in size and will open the Fitness Safari, a jungle gym activity, in summer 1999.

For families and individuals alike, the St. Louis Zoo is always a popular attraction. The first phase of the River's Edge animal discovery area, in the Zoo, opens this summer.

The Lords of the Forest exhibit will hold Raja, the Zoo's popular young elephant. Also included with the River's Edge area, are other naturalistic habitat areas for more elephants, as well as cheetahs, hyenas and dwarf mongooses.

The recent Zoo expansion of the Children's Zoo allows visitors to interact with animals, watch otters underwater, climb through an animal playground, and hand-feed birds.

Missouri also ranks as the top destination state for group travel this year

Byways Magazine also named Missouri as the No. 1 choice among the top 10 states for group travel in 1999.

"It is the diversity Missouri has to offer that makes it such a popular motorcoach destination," writes Byways.

"It's the entertainment and beauty to be found in Branson and the Ozark Mountains. It's the big-city excitement and

cultural offerings of St. Louis and Kansas City. It's the small-town charm and history to be discovered in Mark Twain's Hannibal, Jesse James' St. Joseph, Lewis and Clark's St. Charles, and Harry Truman's Independence.

"It's the beauty of Missouri wine country, a ride-through cave in Springfield, relaxing at Lake of the Ozarks," writes Byways.

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Byways magazine

"Above all, it's the warmth and hospitality of Missouri's people that make guests feel right at home."

Visitors commission offers help to vacation planners

The St. Louis Convention & Visitors' Commission provides visitors with many helpful services including comprehensive group tour manuals, guides and maps; color slides and/or black-and-white photography; a "St. Louis" video; and tour planning assistance, which helps in the selection of lodging, restaurants, and entertainment.

Carole Moody, vice president of marketing for the Commission, said there is much advertisement directed to the out-of-town markets.

Interested travelers may call a 800 number to speak to one of the travel counselors, or

they may ask that a visitor's guide be sent to them.

Many people plan in advance, said Moody, who offers the following statistics:

• 43 percent of travelers plan their trips less than one month in advance

• 28 percent of travelers plan their trips four to eight weeks in advance

• 17 percent of travelers plan their trips two to four months in advance

(Information courtesy of The St. Louis Convention & Visitors' Commission website at: <http://www.st-louis-cvc.com>)

Gateway Arch is favorite spot for most visitors to St. Louis

Here's the list of St. Louis' hottest tourist spots:

The top tourist attraction, not surprisingly, is the Gateway Arch.

Other favorite attractions, in order of their preference level, include:

- The St. Louis Zoo
- Union Station
- The Science Center
- Six Flags
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Seven SIUE professors are given awards for teaching

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Staff writer

Professor Ho is perhaps an apt name for a teacher known for making mathematics amusing.

"What I try to do is to show that mathematics is not only useful but actually fun," said Chung-Wu Ho of Glen Carbon, a professor of mathematics

and statistics who was named as the winner of the 1999 Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville Excellence Award.

"Most people, when they think of mathematics, think of computers or doing their income tax," Ho said.

Some fail to realize that math can be fun and beautiful, he said.

"They may not realize its

importance in understanding nature," Ho said.

"I try to distill some of the excitement and some of the beauty of the subject and show its applications to everyday life."

"SIUE faculty members unanimously agreed that Ho demonstrates a high level of teaching excellence in his mathematics classes."

Ho is among several SIUE

Each Teaching Recognition Award-winner receives a \$500 check.

professors receiving teaching awards. He will be honored and will receive a \$2,000 check at the university's spring commencement May 8. He first was chosen by nominations from students and then by a campus-wide

committee.

Teaching Recognition Awards for this year also have been announced. The recipients are: nursing professor Jacquelyn Clement of Maryville; assistant electrical engineering professor George

Engel of St. Louis; assistant historical studies professor Carole Frick of Edwardsville; and associate economics professor John Navin of Edwardsville.

Each Teaching Recognition Award-winner receives a \$500 check.

Nursing instructor Mary Ann Jobe of Belleville and psychology instructor Lee Pogatsnik of Glen Carbon are winners of a Teaching Recognition Award for nontenure track faculty.

Ho has been teaching at SIUE for 30 years. He previously taught at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

He has served as chairman of the SIUE Math and Statistics Department for six years and has done individual research in the field.

One of Ho's trademarks is the use of practical applications of mathematics while using a variety of disciplines — such as art, music and poetry — in his teaching.

"Through his creative teaching, students are able to experience new insights and develop confidence in their mathematics skills," university spokesman Greg Conroy said.

The selection committee and students who nominated him said Ho exemplifies teaching excellence in the classroom by speaking directly to students, encouraging them to comment on the content and involving them in the learning process.

The panel that chose the teachers for the awards said Clement, the nursing professor, is known as a communicator who reduces the students' stress levels.

Engel was noted for his mentoring and encouraging students to ask questions, encouraging them to take an active role in the learning process. He also is known for research, grant writing and scholarly publications.

Frick was singled out for using her own research in Italian history in the classroom to inspire students and hold their interest.

"She teaches with wit, energy and creativity, and her students are encouraged and challenged to achieve academic success," Conroy said.

Navin was lauded by his students for keeping introductory statistics interesting through the use of examples and humor.

He was acknowledged for bringing technology, such as interactive video and electronic conferencing, into the classroom.

Jobe said she believes students learn best when they are participating in activities, and she encourages them to be independent learners. Along with teaching, Jobe is coordinator of the School Nurse Certification Program in the School of Nursing.

Pogatsnik teaches several psychology courses and has been recognized by peers and students for her stimulating presentations of intricate psychology content in the classroom, Conroy said.

TV workshop slated at SIUE

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville will offer a television production workshop as part of its Summer Arts '99 program.

Students ages 14-17 can enroll now for the three-week workshop, which will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday, June 14 through July 2.

The workshop is offered by the SIUE Department of Mass Communications. Assistant Professor Cynthia Cooper teaches the workshop with Judy Landers, also a Mass Communications faculty member.

Projects include creating a music video, news and commercial production, weather segments and the use of computerized graphics.

The workshop culminates in production of a live newscast complete with commercials.

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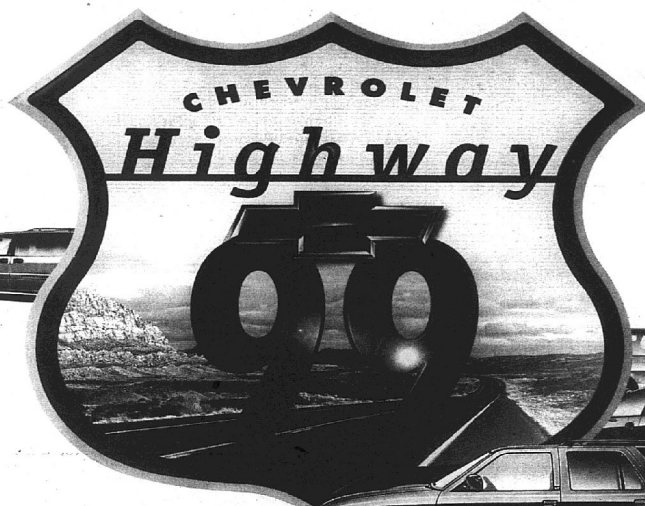
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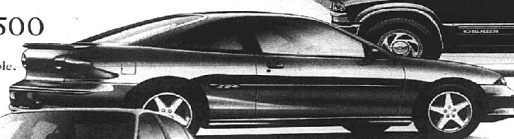
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Drafting students square off in competition

Winners will compete on state level on April 24

Area high school students squared off in a drafting competition recently when Belleville Area College hosted the Illinois Drafting Educators Association contest.

The competition at BAC was one of 21 regional contests held throughout the state. Fifty-five students representing seven high schools participated in the annual event. The six categories tested were architectural, machine or introductory board drafting and architectural, mechanical or introductory CAD.

Drafters who placed first or second are eligible to participate in the state competition, to be held April 24 at Illinois State University in Bloomington/Normal.

"The students who compete in BAC's regional have a history of doing very well when they advance to state competition," said John Jacobs, BAC drafting faculty

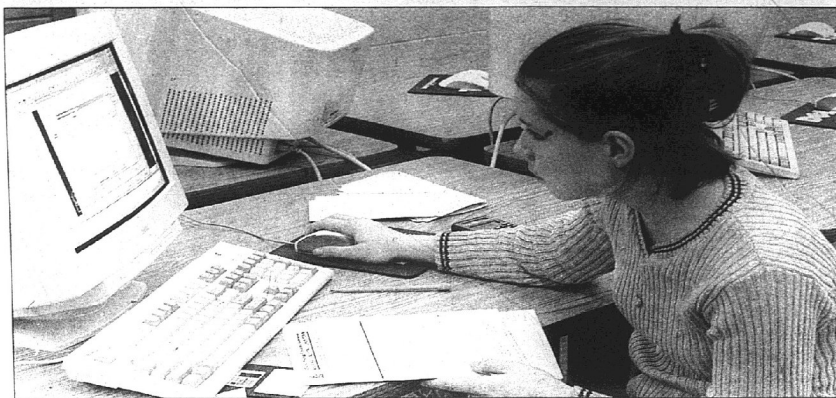
member and program coordinator. "It speaks very well of the quality drafting programs that are offered at these high schools."

Architects and engineers from area firms and instructors from BAC's Drafting Department judge the work of the students. Winners received drafting supplies, certificates and plaques.

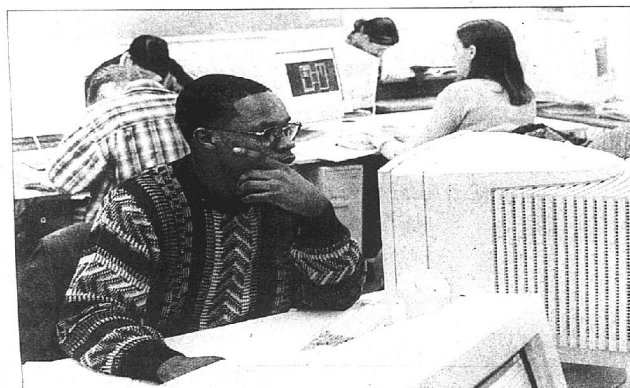
The award winners include: Collinsville High School: Kelli Scharf, first in architectural board; Brian Doyle, second in architectural board; and Joseph Kerfoot, second in introductory board.

Freeburg High School: Samantha Goodwin, first in introductory board; and Brandon Castens, second in machine board.

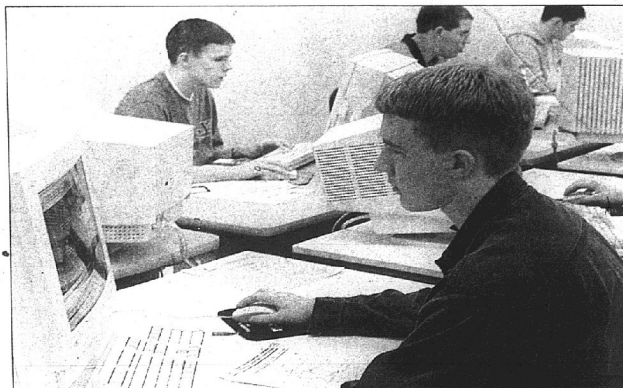
Highland High School: David Gunning, first in introductory CAD; and Sandra Wilson, second in CAD architectural.



Rachel Lyn Minton, a junior at Triad High School, concentrates at the CAD machine during drafting competition at Belleville Area College.



Christopher Connor, a senior at Belleville Township West High School, ponders a problem during the CAD architectural portion of drafting competition.



Jon Lawrence, a junior at Red Bud High School, concentrates during the CAD architectural segment of drafting competition.

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Furry critters may be cute — BUT

Four-legged friends will make a real mess of your garden

As most gardeners learn sooner or later, one person's flower fantasy is just a free feast to some furry fiend. Animal pest problems occur in all seasons of the garden, but fall and spring are peak periods for plunder. Luckily these seasons, and fall in particular, are also the best times for beleaguered gardeners to mount a defense against foraging four-legged gourmands such as deer, squirrels, rabbits, voles, moles and other assorted animal pests.

In fall, a good garden clean-up tops the list of animal deterrents. After fall bulb planting, remove planting debris to rob squirrels of scent clues. It's scent, after all, that guides them to their hidden stashes and to yours! They're not relying on such memory cues as "three hops from the big tree on the left."

Also consider mulch. Mulch is useful to help retain soil moisture and maintain more constant cool soil temperatures. Apply mulch after weather turns cold. To much too soon only satisfies small creatures, who find earth-warmed mulch a great cozy place for winter tunneling and nesting.

Who is it exactly that is nibbling the nasturtiums and devouring the daisies? Increasingly, in America, the culprits are likely to be deer.

According to the New York Times "there are now more deer in the U.S. than when the Pilgrims landed in 1620." A population of 27 million ranges across the land. And, increasingly, as the deer's natural habitats are reduced by development, they are by no means restricted to remote woodlands. They've leaped into our back yards in what amounts in some parts of the country to a suburban invasion.

Deer are the greatest threat in the spring when, after a hungry winter, they look for anything green, young and tasty.

Rabbits have long been the vegetable gardener's nemesis, but they're happy to taste-test anything new and tender looking. Even if they really don't love something, they just might chew on it for awhile to make sure.

Squirrels and chipmunks are particular pests at fall flower bulb planting time. Count on them to promptly RSVP to fall garden parties serving tulip, lily or crocus bulbs but not daffodils which have a terrible taste. Especially popular are gardens littered with bulb-scented debris, those little bags, the paper skirts, and other tantalizing things.

Special fans of tree and shrub roots are found underground. Moles, voles and mice are the biggest actually

smallish) culprits. They also like roots of succulent plants and flower bulbs.

The groundhog, also called the woodchuck, is a tunnel master who finds any number of garden plants appealing both above and below the ground.

To dispel any illusions at the outset: there is no magic bullet for the animal pest problem, save the sometimes tempting but not very humane option of actually using bullets. The best one can hope for is an appropriate pest management solution.

Pest control options basically fall into five major categories:

Barriers
Sensory deterrents
Vegetative deterrents
Animal deterrents

If you can't beat 'em, join 'em. Barriers are the most straightforward and many say the most effective deterrents. The strategy is to make it impossible for the critter to get to his dinner.

For deer, a fence is the best deterrent. A deer fence should be at least seven and a half feet high, and an additional overhang of chicken wire is a good idea. The most effective deer fence is a double fence. Deer can either jump something very high, or something very wide, but can't do both at once. Two fences (one high and one moderately high) spaced about three feet apart are recommended. (Don't worry, the deer see two fences and don't jump, so they don't get caught inside.)

Garden centers and other retailers also carry various types of plastic fencing and netting that might be appropriate. It is also possible to have an electric anti-deer fence installed. But this isn't recommended for areas where there are small children or close neighbors.

For groundhogs and such, fences don't need to be high, they need to be deep. About three feet deep should do the trick.

Chicken wire is another favorite barrier material. This can be used to form a cage over young plants, or an underground cage in which to protect bulbs from burrowers. It's perfectly acceptable to place a sheet of chicken wire right on top of the planting. The bulbs will be smart enough to find their way right through it.

Some people take a casual (but very effective) approach when protecting bulbs from squirrels: they just throw on an old window screen after planting and take it up once the ground has settled or frozen.

Sensory Deterrents

Of course with all the fencing and caging, some people think the whole thing is too much, turning the garden into an outdoor Alcatraz. So what else is there?

Sensory deterrents seek to dissuade the unwanted garden diner by offending his sense of smell or taste or by exciting his sense of fear and caution.

The use of cayenne pepper and such sprinkled protectively on the ground is one method some people say works. But others point out that this method is exceedingly cruel. Squirrels, for example, can easily get the pepper in their eyes while trying to rid themselves of the noxious stuff. Squirrels have been known to scratch out their own eyes in the process.

Well it's hard to hate a squirrel that much. So, other sensory alternatives are in order, ones suitable for squirrels, other small creatures and, of course, deer. These include:

Scattering clippings of human hair around the place (not always a good idea in urban settings, where squirrels may associate the smell of a human with food hand-outs). Predator smells, such as lion's dung or urine from the zoo, commercially available predator scents, or even human urine (there's a guy out there who swears by it, but we didn't visit his garden to confirm).

Egg mixtures, either the commercially available kind, or made up in your own kitchen. The idea is, well, rotten eggs. You get the idea.

Irish Spring soap (Why this brand? Who knows?) hung in little mesh bags around the edges of the garden. All of the sensory deterrents have their champions and their detractors. Some swear by this one or that one, some say they're all a bust. Often what works in one garden, doesn't in another. Experimentation is the key—and certainly worth a try.

Vegetative Deterrents

The idea behind vegetative deterrents is to surround the plants your nocturnal visitors like to eat with ones they don't or find repellent. Deer, for example, don't like thorny things. They also don't eat anemones, astilbes, junipers, foxgloves, daffodils, ferns, grasses or a whole host of things.

Fritillaria imperialis is also something deer don't like and its strong skunky scent is repellent to many other creatures as well, including some humans.